

Doctors to be asked for 'mutual trust' today

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV: — An attempt to "turn over a new leaf" by introducing an atmosphere of co-operation and mutual trust will be made this morning by Professor Haim Doron, chairman of Kupat Holim Clalit, when he and a representative of the Hadassah Medical Organization join the Finance and Health Ministries team trying to negotiate a settlement to the doctors' strike.

Doron is expected to shift the emphasis from wage increases to total reorganization of the medical system, plus a plan for faster promotion of all doctors. This upgrading, together with the new pay offers of the Finance Ministry, would increase the doctors' pay considerably.

However, Dr. Shmuel Friedman, chairman of the Israel Medical Association's strike committee, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that "the employers have been talking about overhauling the medical system for years, and all they have done for years is talk."

Moreover, he said, "even if every doctor is promoted three complete grades, the younger doctors will still be grossly underpaid. If the employers don't come up with proposals better than these, the Israel Medical Association will decide on steps to intensify the strike tomorrow afternoon." He refused to elaborate.

The employers are to meet shortly after 8 a.m. today to formulate their proposals. This meeting, in Hakirya in Tel Aviv, is expected to last until about 10 a.m., because the meeting with representatives of the striking doctors has been called for that hour. Neither side could say how long the meeting will last since, as Friedman said, if they are going to offer us the same old hash, but warmed over and served in a different fashion, it will be a short meeting.

Some 1,600 of the 2,700 doctors who operate Kupat Holim Clalit's 1,258 clinics returned to work yesterday — for the first time in almost three months. The doctors worked from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then made house calls.

All the clinics were crowded. Although the doctors were supposed to see only patients suffering from chronic diseases, nearly every fourth patient did not fit this category, claiming to be an "urgent" case. They were seen by the doctors without any protest.

The doctors will return to the clinics every Monday and Thursday.

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Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori visits a Beduin village in Galilee yesterday. He promised that eventually every Beduin family which wanted one would receive a phone. (Simonsky — Israel Sun)

Combat-tested Scout in spotlight at air show

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS: — America's Enterprise space shuttle was there, and a 100-ton British Belfast freighter was parked in front of the Israel Aircraft Industries stand. But the 50-kilogram IAI Scout pilotless plane could be a centre of attention at the 35th International Aerospace Show that opened to the press at Le Bourget near here yesterday.

The Scout, unlike most of the other 200 flying craft at the show, has successfully recorded recent combat experience in the most testing of conditions — the battlefield.

Visitors to the IAI pavilion are caught in the TV camera of a Scout dangling from the roof, photographing and transmitting to an adjacent screen. This is what the Scout can do high above the battlefield, transmitting the data to a range of 100 kilometres. Virtually undetectable, the Scout, which can

easily fit into an average bedroom, can also carry electronic signal and jamming equipment.

"Only the human imagination limits the uses of the MRPV (mini-remotely piloted vehicle)," Zvi Nigal of Tadiran, whose Mastiff MRPV also chalked up battle experience in the Lebanon war, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Civilian applications of the MRPV, such as coastal and border surveillance in traffic control and fire spotting, are being developed.

While the MRPV is the star, the IAI displayed a large array of equipment indispensable to survival on the electronic battlefield. Radar and other electronic detectors warn of intruders and instantly missiles and aircraft are sent off to counter the threat.

In the adjacent Israel Export Institute pavilion, Rafael's Python 3 air-to-air missile, also successfully combat-tested in Lebanon, occurred.

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1 soldier killed, 14 wounded

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier was killed and 14 soldiers were wounded when a remote-control explosive device blew up, hitting three soldiers riding along a road about three kilometres north of Hatzbaya in South Lebanon.

The road is a main artery used daily by the Israel Defence Forces.

The wounded were flown by helicopter to the Rambam Hospital

in Haifa.

Early yesterday morning, shots were fired at the civil-guard headquarters in Nabatiya.

Terrorists made a number of attempts last week to attack soldiers of the militia units in South Lebanon.

Reuters reports that at least two Israeli soldiers were wounded when a bomb exploded near a jeep leading a convoy of six trucks in Sidon last night.

David Levy: We hope they won't force us to react

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said last night he hoped there would be "no escalation by the Syrians, no action that will force us to react." Levy said the Syrians were "playing a dangerous game" but he hoped it was only a "psychological game" and that the tension it had generated would pass.

The deputy premier spoke to a Kol Yisrael radio reporter in the north following high-level government consultations in Jerusalem on the military tension between Israel and Syria.

That tension rose dramatically in the wake of the near-skirmish between warplanes of the two countries over Lebanon on Wednesday. Syrian jets fired two missiles at Israeli planes on a reconnaissance flight. The Israeli planes were not hit and headed for home.

David Levy said Israel had sent "an unequivocal warning" to Syria, through the U.S., not to "play with fire."

He noted, too, that Israel had taken "all necessary measures" to be prepared in case of a further military deterioration.

Levy's statements reflected a policy in high government circles of seeking to ease the tension while at the same time making it clear to Syria that too much provocation must eventually cause a conflagration.

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Israel to stand firm but not provoke Syria

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israel does not wish an escalation of the tension with Syria, will do all it can to prevent it, and hopes that the Syrians do not desire war. However, if the situation worsens, Israel does not guarantee that it will allow the situation to remain local or to develop into a war of attrition.

This was told to *The Jerusalem Post* by a reliable source last night.

The source reported that Israel is extremely perturbed by the Syrian Air Force's attempt on Wednesday to intercept an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft

over Lebanon, and by an unprecedentedly large-scale military exercise being conducted by the Syrians in Lebanon's Bekaa valley and in the Golan Heights.

"It is very easy to move from formation during maneuvers, when tanks and vehicles are armed and fuelled, to an attacking force," the source said.

"This has necessitated several Israeli countermeasures, and in general has led to a serious rise in tension. There is a genuine fear now that the situation could develop into something bigger than either of the sides intended," the source continued.

"Technically the Syrian Army

is ready for war. All that is required is the political decision to go to war. Our early-warning margin has been cut tremendously, and the situation is not good," he concluded.

A military source said last night that the Israel Defence Forces have been placed on alert, and are prepared for any eventuality.

This source also confirmed that the Syrians have recently been conducting major earthwork and engineering projects in the Bekaa, including the building of several sites for ground-to-air missiles. These are unmanned as yet, the source added.

Syria will oppose pact 'to the end'

BEIRUT (AP). — Syria said

through its state-run news media yesterday that it will oppose the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement to the end and warned that a new war with Israel will "cost the aggressors very dearly."

The *Al-Ba'ath* newspaper of the ruling Socialist Ba'ath party said in an editorial broadcast over the state radio that Syria will not give in to pressures to change its position on the U.S.-sponsored withdrawal accord.

"Syria will not back down... It is prepared to shoulder the responsibility of its position," *Al-Ba'ath* said. "Those who are labouring under the illusion that they can find a way out of their impasse through military aggression must understand that this aggression will not be a picnic or a limited battle. It will be an all-out conflict that will cost the aggressors very dearly."

The editorial coincided with a reiteration by President Hafez Assad that Syria will withdraw its 40,000 troops from Lebanon only when Israel pulls out its estimated 28,000-man occupation army unconditionally.

In the first comment from

Damascus on Syria's firing at Israeli reconnaissance planes this week, — the first such encounter in almost one year — Syrian Defence Minister General Mustafa Tlass said: "It is no secret that Syria undertakes defensive measures to face Israel's reconnaissance and espionage actions."

"However, if Israel insists on aggression our response will be firm," he said. "There was no battle. The Israeli warplanes simply violated airspace over Syrian positions and were intercepted by our planes," he said yesterday on state-run Damascus Radio.

The radio said Assad made this assertion to former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamah during a meeting in Damascus on Wednesday to discuss ways of blocking the May 17 withdrawal accord between Lebanon and Israel.

Karamah, a Moslem, is one of the most influential Lebanese politicians in Syrian-controlled North Lebanon. Another North Lebanese politician, Christian ex-president Suleiman Franjeh, called on the Lebanese parliament in a statement published by Beirut newspapers

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Northern settlers take precautions

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Settlements in the Golan Heights and along the northern border have increased their state of preparedness, following reports of Syrian concentrations and maneuvers in the Golan.

Settlement representatives yesterday got a briefing from Aluf-Mishne Yossi, commander of regional defence in the North.

Eitan Liss, chairman of the Golan Regional Council, said that settlements in the area are taking measures connected with their defence. These include cleaning bomb shelters, checking warning systems and giving appropriate instructions to schools.

"We've received no special instructions from the IDF; what we've done is on our own initiative," Liss emphasized.

2 soldiers wounded in Nablus rock-throwing

NABLUS (Itim). — Two Israeli soldiers were injured yesterday by stones thrown at them in the Askar refugee camp in Nablus. The two were rushed to Haim Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

South African bombings spread to Bloemfontein

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (Reuters). — A bomb exploded in the centre of the Orange Free State capital of Bloemfontein yesterday, causing damage but no injuries, a Security Police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the bomb had been placed under a car parked near a fabric factory. The building and nearby vehicles were extensively damaged and windows in the area were shattered.

The blast came six days after a car bomb in Pretoria killed 18 persons and injured more than 200. The banned African National Congress (ANC), pledged to

overthrow White rule in South Africa, claimed responsibility for the Pretoria explosion. This led to a South African air raid on alleged ANC bases in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique.

Bomb-disposal experts, police and emergency services rushed to the scene. The police cordoned off the city centre area, near a labour office for blacks, where the blast occurred.

A bomb at another labour office for Blacks in Bloemfontein last February killed one person and injured more than 75.

Responsibility for the February explosion was claimed by the ANC last Saturday for the first time. ANC president Oliver Tambo told Finnish radio in Nairobi: "We inquired into that and found it was one of our units that planted the device."

"But something must have gone wrong with the timing. It should have gone off in the night. It was an accident."

JERUSALEM POST POLL 63% would yield part of C-o-L pay to cut inflation

By SARAH HONG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nearly two thirds of Israeli employees are willing to forego part of their cost of living increments in order to bring down inflation. About half the public does not feel that the standard of living has changed much in the past year, whereas more than one third feel that runaway inflation adversely affects them personally.

These are the findings of the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrahi research institute under the direction of Dr. Sara Shemer. A representative sample of 1,091 persons was interviewed between May 2 and May 10.

Only employees among those polled were asked whether they are ready to sacrifice some of their cost-of-living payments for "some slowdown in the rate of inflation or a six-month price freeze." Affirmative answers were given by 62.6 per cent.

Twenty-three per cent were not willing to do so, 10 per cent said they did not know, and 4.3 per cent did not reply.

All interviewees were asked to compare their standard of living this year to that of a year ago. No change was perceived by 49.3 per cent. A "considerable rise" was reported by 6.6 per cent, and another 20.9 per cent reported "some rise." A small decline was reported by 15.8 per cent, and only 5.7 per cent thought their standard had "dropped considerably." No answer came from 1.6 per cent.

Inflation was seen as "very inconvenient for me personally" by 38.6 per cent of those polled, while 29.5 per cent saw it as "somewhat inconvenient." It was "not so inconvenient" for 19.1 per cent and "not at all inconvenient" to 11.4 per cent. No answer came from 1.4 per cent.

Soviet Union, Egypt sign trade agreement

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Egypt and the Soviet Union yesterday signed their first bilateral trade agreement since 1977, the official Tass news agency said.

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GARUDA	8	42	10
HILANKI	12	22	72
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LONDON	13	58	29
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THE WEATHER

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Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	44	13-25	25
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Nahariya	62	15-24	25
Safed	24	15-26	25
Haifa Port	61	20-24	24
Tiberias	31	16-32	31
Nazareth	40	14-26	25
Afula	40	15-27	27
Shimon	40	16-26	26
Tel Aviv	58	22-26	25
B-G Airport	49	18-27	27
Jericho	52	21-35	33
Gaza	70	19-24	24
Beersheba	48	17-30	29
Yotvata	12	24-37	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prime Minister Menachem Begin was among those present at the naming of a street in Tel Aviv yesterday for Aharon Zvi Propes, a founder of Beitar and the initiator of the Israel Festival, the Zimriya and the International Harp Contest.

Argentinian Ambassador Roberto Temporini yesterday opened an exhibition on "Jewish Settlement in Argentina" at the Beersheba Public Library and met with Mayor Eliahu Nawli.

The German Ambassador and Mrs. Niels Hansen yesterday and on Tuesday held receptions at their residence in Herzliya to mark the 34th anniversary of the promulgation of the basic law of the German Federal Republic.

Prof. Yoram Dinstein has been reelected to another two-year term as rector of Tel Aviv University.

The annual meeting of the Israel-Latin America, Spain and Portugal Chamber of Commerce yesterday elected Ya'acov Baranes chairman and Yitzhak Mittleman deputy chairman.

The Foreign Press Association, at its annual general meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, elected Gideon Berl of the German Press Agency (DPA) chairman for 1983.

Aluf (res.) Avishai Natz, former commander of the Engineer Corps, will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Engineers Club today, at 1 p.m. Table reservations by phone, 674584.

WE HOPE

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Communications Minister Mordechai Zupori confirmed, in a separate radio interview, that the government was determined to ease the tension in the north. He said the defence minister and the chief of staff were "acting accordingly."
Zupori said he does not foresee serious military moves in the north, but added that rationality doesn't always prevail in the Middle East and "surprises are possible."
He also said that, in his view, the Russian military presence in Syria is a factor that impedes the outbreak of war more than it accelerates it.
Defence Minister Moshe Arens, addressing a Herut party meeting yesterday, did not talk about the security situation.

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HOME NEWS

Begin's answer to Moda'i due soon

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Menachem Begin will probably meet Emergency Minister Yitzhak Moda'i next week to give his answer to Moda'i's request that he and four fellow Liberal Knesset Members be recognized as a separate Likud faction.

Sources close to Begin told *The Jerusalem Post* that he would have turned down Moda'i's request, since that clearly contravenes the 1965 agreement between Herut and the Liberal Party under which the Gahal party was formed.

But now the situation is not clear, because the Moda'i group wishes to be an independent faction in the Likud fold. At the same time, however, it seeks recognition as a component party in the Likud confederation — like the Liberals, Herut and La'ama.

Coupling circles fear that the Liberal feuds will upset the coalition's delicate balance. The Liberal factions are expected to make their support in crucial Knesset votes conditional on the satisfaction of various demands. And they are

likely to compete with each other in efforts to push through controversial Liberal-sponsored bills, such as a second TV channel, a national health scheme, and the abolition of rent controls.

Moda'i and his group stress that whatever Begin decides the faction exists. If it is denied recognition, they warn, they "could create problems for the coalition."

Moda'i's Liberal foes are fuming over his move but none of the leading Liberals was willing yesterday to go on record with a reaction. Privately, however, many said they will demand that Moda'i give up his position as head of the party presidium, which is the highest Liberal executive office. They also intend to get him ousted from the post of municipal-elections campaign chairman.

One Liberal minister told *The Post*: "The question to consider is what the presidium chairman will do if the party decides one way or another on this issue and his faction reaches the opposite decision. As chairman he must abide by the decision of the majority, but his faction says it will reach and be bound only by its own decisions."

Treasury considering changes in pension, insurance schemes

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Finance Ministry is considering changes in the structure of pension funds and life-insurance schemes. Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said yesterday.

Speaking at the monthly Insurance Forum of the Israel Insurance Association, Kaufman said it will be necessary to make "revisions" in both these areas, but he promised the changes will come about through "evolution, not revolution." A public commission will probably be set up to study the matter, he said, without going into further details.

Kaufman said his ministry is not planning to revoke the 2 per cent Peace for Galilee impost on stock-market purchases. And he suggested a change in the cost-of-living allowance scheme to eliminate subsidies for buyers of luxury apart-

ments. He proposed negotiating a special agreement with the Histadrut covering luxury items. On the doctors' strike, Kaufman reiterated the ministry's offer to "improve, but not double," the physicians' salaries. "The doctors are trying to hold us by the throat," he said. "What they are doing today is shameful."

On exports, he said he expects the trade balance to improve within the next few months. One of Israel's major problems is that its products are not suited to the European market, while unemployment and bureaucracy in some European countries also create obstacles to Israeli exports.

Finally, Kaufman saw hope for the future of Israel's industry in the large number of skilled technicians. An additional 60,000 to 65,000 vocational-school pupils make up a pool of manpower that, he said, could work to double exports in the near future.

Car kills child walking on sidewalk

MAJDA SHAMS (11m). — A six-year-old boy, Majda Shams, was killed yesterday night when he was run over by a car while walking on a sidewalk in the town. The vehicle that struck him down was driven by a resident of Dajati el-Carmel.

An Israel Defence Forces helicopter flew the child to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

In another accident yesterday morning, 11 persons were injured, one of them severely, when a truck travelling from Arad in the direction of Tel Aviv apparently went through a red light at the Tel Shoket junction north of Beersheba and collided with a truck coming from Beersheba. Ambulances and four private vehicles took the injured to

Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. In Petah Tikva, a father and son were thrown off their motor scooter Wednesday night when the father, who was driving, went through a red light. The bike was hit by a car coming through the intersection. The two of them were taken to the Hasharon Hospital in Petah Tikva, the father having a broken leg.

In Jerusalem, a chain-telephone road-safety campaign began yesterday when Mayor Teddy Kolek phoned to a family with school-age children in the Shmuel Hanavi quarter and asked them to instruct their children to take care while crossing the street. This family then called another. When the end of the chain was reached, it is expected that about 40,000 families will have been contacted.

1 swimmer drowns, 1 missing near Haifa

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — One student drowned and another is missing after they went swimming from a beach where bathing is not permitted near Moshav Habonim south of here yesterday afternoon.

The body of Mahmud Ben-Sulim Sliman, 22, of Jenin, was recovered from the water by his friends. But they were unable to find the other

swimmer, Abed el-Fattah Jaleney, 21, of Jerusalem.

Police and navy divers also launched a search, which will continue this morning. Meanwhile, police continued patrolling the beach throughout the night.

The two men were with a party of 60 students from Hebron University who were touring in the area yesterday. They stopped at the beach for lunch and three of them went swim-

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yesterday to withhold ratification of the withdrawal agreement. Parliament had given the Jemayel administration unanimous approval to sign the withdrawal accord. Official sources here say the government plans to put it before parliament for a clause-by-clause debate and ratification vote in the next two weeks.

The authoritative Lebanese daily *Al-Nahar* yesterday warned of possible attempts to assassinate Jemayel and his senior administration officials. It said information on the threat came from "important Arab and international quarters," without naming them.

"The safety of government leaders, especially the president, is threatened," wrote *Al-Nahar's* columnist Sarkis Naoum, who is known to be close to Jemayel. "This threat comes from those who reject Lebanon and want to partition it and dominate it."

The situation in Lebanon's trou-

ble spots was generally quieter yesterday. In the Shouf mountains, long-time battleground for rival Christian, Druse and Moslem militias, there was only scattered sniping.

The Christian Phalangist radio said one Christian woman was wounded by gunfire in the village of Dfoun and several other villages were also fired on.

Travellers reported that armed men were still manning road-blocks in the Shouf area, ready to kidnap passers-by from the rival community.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that Israeli troops stormed into the office of the Lebanese Lawyers' Union in Sidon at noon and arrested a lawyer without explanation.

Beirut state radio said a land-mine explosion injured a woman driver on a road south of Beirut yesterday afternoon.

Brighton lose, 4-0

Post Sports Staff

A dazzling 25-minute spell, which produced three goals, hoisted Manchester United to a 4-0 victory over Brighton and Hove Albion in last night's FA Cup final replay at Wembley Stadium.

Bryan Robson scored twice and Norman Whiteside once, with Arnold Muehlen adding a second-half penalty to complete United's demolition of gallant Brighton. The two teams drew 2-2 last Saturday.



President Chaim Herzog asks Knesset Member Avraham Katz-Oz a question about chicken breeding during a visit yesterday to Kibbutz Nahal Oz, the MK's home.

President Herzog visits Western Negev

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GEVULOT. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday stressed he had come to visit agricultural communities in the Western Negev because of his personal commitment to the development of the Negev as a whole and not only to celebrate 40 years of Jewish settlement in the region.

The president told an audience of hundreds at a sound-and-light pageant at Mitzpe Gevulot, the original site of Kibbutz Gevulot, that "all the elements are coming together in another supreme effort to settle the Negev. This is the time

to review the vision and intensify the national effort to develop and settle this region."

He quoted David Ben-Gurion to the effect that "without settling the south and the Negev, the nation cannot be secure and we shall not reach economic independence."

Herzog and his wife, Aura, began their tour — which the president pointed was "the first time I've left Jerusalem for an official visit" — at Kibbutz Nahal Oz, near Gaza, the home of Alignment-Labour Knesset Member Avraham Katz-Oz.

In the afternoon, he was briefed about the security situation along the border with Egypt.

Shamir to Europe today

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir flies to Europe today for a conference of Israeli ambassadors on the continent and meetings with government leaders in Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy.

He will seek the ending of financial sanctions taken against Israel by the European Economic Community following the invasion of

Lebanon. In Italy, Shamir will discuss the role of the Multi-National Force and UNIFIL, to both of which Italy contributes soldiers.

Shamir is accompanied by the ministry's deputy spokesman, Yosef Amihai, who has served in Rome and is fluent in Italian. Amihai's chief, Avi Pazner, who usually accompanies the minister abroad, is ill.

PLO sets terms for quitting Lebanon

AMMAN (AP). — The PLO will not withdraw its forces from Lebanon unless asked to do so by Lebanese opponents of the troop-withdrawal agreement with Israel, a senior PLO official said here yesterday.

Imad Shakkour, political adviser to chairman Yasser Arafat, told reporters the approval of those opponents is essential for a PLO decision to pull its estimated 10,000 men out of northern and eastern Lebanon. Asked to name the opponents, Shakkour said they include Lebanon's Communist Party, the leftist Druse Progressive Socialist Party, the pro-Syrian Ba'ath Party, the Syrian Social Nationalist Party, former president Suleiman Franjeh and ex-premier Rashid Karameh.

Syria brought most of those parties into a "nationalist progressive front" last week to try to block implementation of the withdrawal accord.

Shakkour accused Libya of masterminding the two-week-old mutiny in Fatah, the PLO's largest faction, which was founded by Arafat. Shakkour said the mutineers rebelled over Arafat's recent appointment of PLO members to Lebanon. Arafat last week stripped the top five military officers leading the mutiny of their posts. His second-in-command, Kahlil Wazir (Abu Jihad), was quoted by the Beirut press yesterday as saying that the Fatah leadership had cut off salaries as well as fuel, water and ammunition supplies to the rebels.

Senior PLO sources in Damascus said yesterday that Arafat is likely to give dissident officers a further 48 hours to come to heel before he moves against them.

The sources said Arafat is hoping the delay will give time for mediation between the two sides.

Court orders probe into beating charge

Jerusalem Post Staff

A military court in Jenin yesterday turned down the request that a prisoner in the Fara jail, Walid Mahmud Aida, son of the head of the Arraba local council, be released on bail. But the court ordered that the prisoner be examined by a doctor to verify whether he had been beaten as he says, while in jail.

If it is shown that Aida was beaten, legal action should be taken against those responsible, the court ruled.

Police investigators are looking into Aida's complaint that after be-

ing arrested about 10 days ago in connection with the recent "poisoning" hysteria in Judea and Samaria, he was beaten by a policeman named "Biton" when he refused to admit that he had incited the schoolgirls involved in the scare.

PRIZES. — Four Magen David Adom volunteers have received prizes for outstanding service out of a fund in the name of the late Avraham Ahituv. They are: Mrs. Miriam Tsor (Givatayim), Mrs. Suzy Greenberg (Haifa), Amir Bar-Zayit (Maalot) and Yaron Ayalon (Herzliya).

Israel earns U.S. praise for 'calm' response to Syrians

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel was winning praise from U.S. officials yesterday for its "calm and measured" response to the latest Syrian military provocations in Lebanon.

Well-placed administration officials also expressed concern, however, that the apparently deliberate Syrian decision to heighten tensions could result in another round of fighting — something the Americans do not believe the Syrians or their Soviet backers actually desire.

One American specialist said Syrian President Hafez Assad has "a history of being very good at brinkmanship." The Syrian leader, he said, is anxious to "show his credentials" by beefing up Syrian and PLO military positions in the Bekaa Valley. "He's good at running some risks."

The major Syrian objective, the U.S. official said, is to try to undermine the Israeli-Lebanese peace agreement.

U.S. officials confirmed reports that the Syrians were beginning a series of extensive military exercises outside Damascus. But the Americans denied that the exercises represent "joint maneuvers" with the Soviets.

Soviet soldiers in Syria, the Americans said, are "attending" the maneuvers as "advisers and observers" — roles they played during similar maneuvers in the past two years. Syria, they added, has traditionally conducted these exercises in the spring.

The U.S. officials said they could not confirm a CSS News report that the Syrians are again preparing SAM missile sites in eastern Lebanon. On Wednesday night, CBS said the Syrians had not moved any anti-aircraft missile batteries back into Lebanon, although the network quoted Pentagon intelligence officials as saying that the sites were being readied for such operational use. During the war last summer, Israel knocked out Syria's SAM sites in Lebanon.

Most U.S. officials do not believe the Syrians actually wish another war with Israel right now. To back up their assessment, they point to the officially controlled news media in Damascus, where newspaper and radio commentaries have toned down their "hysterical war scare" tone of earlier this month.

There is a sense that the Syrians may simply be anxious to "blow off some steam," a U.S. official said. That's why Washington is "so pleased" that Israel has responded cautiously to the developments.

Still, Reagan administration policymakers have been told that a war could break out accidentally, given the close proximity of the Israeli and Syrian forces on the ground in Lebanon and the tensions aroused.

Meanwhile, reports that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was facing a major mutiny among some of his Fatah military units in the Bekaa Valley were played down by U.S. officials yesterday. "Media hype" was how one American described the reports, insisting that Arafat is still fairly well in control of his forces there.

Shultz Lebanon to splinter if Syria stays

NEW YORK (AP). — Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday it is almost inevitable that Lebanon will be partitioned unless Syria and the PLO withdraw their troops.

"I consider that Syria is an independent, proud country and it will decide for itself what is in its best interest," Shultz told a Foreign Policy Association audience.

"I think it's in its (Syria's) best interest to have a prosperous, stable Lebanon free of all foreign forces, rather than a partitioned Lebanon, which is what it will get by its failure to withdraw," Shultz said.

"So it seems to me that is a fundamental incentive in the picture and must be regarded accordingly,"

he said in response to questions about U.S. policy in the Middle East, following a speech on economic issues.

Shultz said there are many legitimate questions Syria can raise in troop-withdrawal negotiations with Lebanon. Among which are Syrian-Lebanese relations and the security zone in South Lebanon set up by the troop-withdrawal agreement signed recently by Lebanon and Israel.

Shultz said that for those who strongly believe that Israel should pull out of Lebanon, "Well, there's an opportunity there. It's easy. All you have to do is persuade the Syrians and the PLO to get out."

North Yemen scores Israel-Lebanon pact

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter

Syria made a further gain in its campaign to rally Arab opposition to Lebanon's accord with Israel when North Yemen denounced the pact late Wednesday night following a visit to San'a by Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar.

A statement issued after a cabinet meeting said that the accord departed from Arab unanimity and demanded an immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency reported from San'a yesterday.

The San'a statement follows similar condemnations earlier this week by Iraq, Kuwait and neighbouring South Yemen.

So far, the only Arab states to openly support the accord are Egypt, Sudan and Oman.

Most of the rest have followed Saudi Arabia's lead in expressing sympathy and understanding for the Lebanese, but linking any call for a Syrian withdrawal to a renewed Arab peace offensive designed to secure an Israeli withdrawal not only from Lebanon, but from all the territory it gained in the 1967 Six Day War.

Police arrest four in Ozer murder case

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three residents of Jaffa and one of Khan Yunis were yesterday arrested on suspicion of involvement in the recent murder of Rafael Ozer. They are aged 20-26.

The police yesterday also reconstructed the crime. Ozer was shot to death by masked gunmen in a commercial vehicle that fled from the scene.

One lead being followed by police investigators is that the murder of

Ozer is linked to the slaying of his brother Herzl in January 1980. Herzl's death was one of several during a gang war.

AWARDS. — The Hebrew Order of David, Israel branch, has awarded citations to eight citizens for contributions to the quality of life. These were the first of planned annual awards to be made by the local branch of the South African Jewish brotherhood.

We deeply mourn the passing of our beloved husband and father

Rabbi Avraham Samuel Soltes

New York, May 23, 1983
If our love could have kept him alive, he would have lived Forever.

Marcia Soltes, his beloved wife, daughter of Herman and Jeannette Fink, formerly of Petah Tikva
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On the 30th day after the passing of our dear

ANA ROSA MERENLENDER
widow of Prof. Josef Merenlender (London)

there will be a Memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone on Sunday, May 29, 1983 at 4 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. We will meet at the cemetery entrance.

MIRIAM AFTER

In deep sorrow and grief we announce the untimely death of my wife, our mother and grandmother.

HANNA WEISS
The Family

The funeral took place on May 26, 1983 in Kiryat Bialik.

Local councils don't want them at all Elections in Project Renewal areas delayed

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Neighbourhood elections in Project Renewal areas have been suspended until after the municipal elections in October. The local authorities would like them to be dropped altogether, according to a political scientist who has studied several renewal areas.

Dr. David Deri of the Hebrew University, told a symposium there on Wednesday that the Project Renewal goal of greater resident participation is not being taken seriously by most government agencies, and that the local authorities view the neighbourhood elections sponsored by renewal as a threat to their power.

"Deri formerly worked in the office of Prof. Yigael Yadin, the first government coordinator of the

comprehensive slum-renewal project. He has recently conducted research on the renewal process. The Housing Ministry is responsible for the project.

Deri said the prevalent attitude towards participation was expressed by one neighbourhood leader, who said that "the project has given us wings. The only trouble is that they are chicken wings, that help us make a lot of noise but don't get us anywhere."

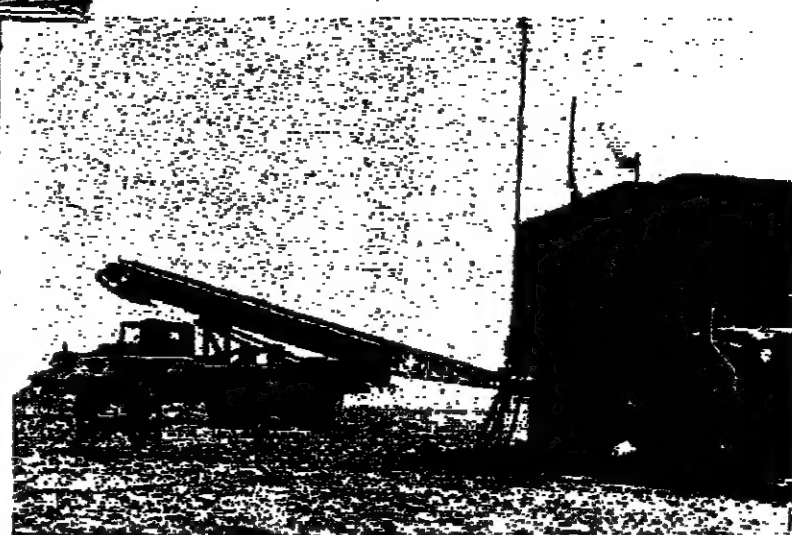
Deri said that the goal of developing innovative programmes for getting at the root of social problems has not been attained because of the government decision to implement the project through existing agencies.

"The existing agencies are dominated by inertia, and they ap-

plied the conventional remedies that did not work in the past. Also, it is illusory to think that the residents can come up with innovative programmes on their own," he said.

Deri said that despite the cumbersome administrative network set up to run the project, a relatively large number of programmes has been implemented. He could not say, however, if they are effective.

He said that discussions between the Jewish Agency — which funnels Diaspora contributions to the project — and the government ministries on how to bring the project to an end have not produced results. There are no criteria for what a "rehabilitated neighbourhood" is supposed to look like, he said.



The remote-piloted Scout (left foreground, on stand) is shown here beside its control vehicle, with its launcher in the background.

(Israel Aircraft Industries)

SCOUT

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cupied pride of place. Rafael also unveiled two not-yet operational missiles, the PDM (Barak) anti-missile for ship defence and the low-strike ground-to-air system.

Beit Shemesh Engines showed its compact Sorek 4 turbo-jet engine for RPVs and missiles.

Til Aviation and Tammuz Systems advertised their design and consultancy operations with the slogan: "Unfortunately, we have the experience."

The military hardware captured the glamour, but the civilian side was not neglected: IAI unveiled its next-generation business jet, the Astra Westwind, due to roll off the production line in September.

Sales are expected to be brisk. Over the past five years Israel's defence exports earned \$3.5 billion from more than 50 countries. "This means for many countries that Israel provides the right solutions," said Dr. Ben-Zion Naveh, the Defence Ministry's research and development chief, at a press conference introducing the Israeli products.

"Israel's export market is quite stable although the international market suffers from financing difficulties," he said.

Among the visitors to the IAI pavilion yesterday was the Italian Air Force Chief, who showed particular interest in the Scout.

The Scout system consists of up to eight miniature aircraft, a launcher, recovery net, and ground control station (GCS), and is operated by a crew of 12. The system is easily transported and deployed at forward positions to provide on-the-spot reconnaissance to the field commander and, at the same time, to command headquarters in the rear.

Perhaps its most important function is to carry a telephoto, belly-mounted, gyro-stabilized TV camera capable of scanning in 360 degrees horizontally and zero to 90 degrees in the vertical. This camera, controlled by an operator in the GCS van up to 100 kms. distant, can be zoomed in for a detailed look at any target within the vehicle's field of view, which from an altitude of 2,000 or 3,000 feet is quite large.

ABLE to stay on station up to seven hours, the Scout observes the tactical area, be it battlefield or open sea, unseen and unheard. Made largely of fibreglass, the tiny aircraft's radar cross-section is practically non-existent.

Israelis help S.A. 'homeland' set up TV

By ROY ISACOVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Educational Television will play a major role in establishing and running the educational TV service of Bophuthatswana, a small, newly independent "homeland" within South Africa.

Israeli personnel will draw up a master plan for the Bophuthatswana service, which is scheduled to come on line in January 1985, and will assist in training, programme preparation and technical matters.

Bophuthatswana Education Minister L. G. Hotele leaves Israel today after a visit during which he and Manpower Minister Rowan Cronje finalized details of the cooperation between the two TV services. The two ministers also toured TV and educational facilities and met senior education officials.

Cronje, who was a minister in the White Rhodesian government of

Ian Smith, was also taken on a tour of Tel Aviv schools by Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

In charge of the Israeli side of the project is Israel Educational TV general manager Ya'acov Lorberbaum, who is also a professor of communications at Bar-Ilan University. Links between the latter university and the University of Bophuthatswana have existed for about two years.

Israel does not have diplomatic relations with Bophuthatswana, which is composed of a number of small "pockets" within South Africa. However, Israelis have been prominent in the country's industrial and agricultural development.

Shabtai Kalmonowitz, Bophuthatswana's authorized representative in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the matter of Israeli financial assistance for the establishment of the new TV service has not yet been discussed.

Corfu wins case against 'Ha'olam Hazeh'

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday awarded \$200,000 in damages, plus \$500,000 costs, to Transport Minister Haim Corfu in a libel judgment against the *Ha'olam Hazeh* weekly, editor Uri Avnery and former editor Eli Tabor.

Corfu's suit, filed in August 1980, arose from an article published in *Ha'olam Hazeh* in October 1979 (before he became minister), accusing him of using his then position of coalition chairman to award a "fat contract" to hotelier and Herut Party member Haim Shiff for hosting Knesset Members at his Jerusalem hotel.

The article went on to say that MKs from other parties, particularly the National Religious Party, were outraged at Corfu for cancelling the existing contract with the Jerusalem Hilton for a supposedly double rate of \$1,600 in the

Shiff hotels.

In ruling against the weekly and its editors, Judge Amihud Ze'evi found that "the reality that became clear during the trial is completely different from the words written in *Ha'olam Hazeh*." The verdict was reached at the beginning of March, but the judge just now decided on the amount of damages to award Corfu. (Itim)

UNDOF extended

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — In a short meeting, the Security Council last night approved a six-month extension of the mandate of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights. The new mandate of the 1,200-man force established in 1974 expires on November 30.

Herzl Avitan court disqualifies itself

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A majority opinion of the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday decided that the three-member bench that has sat in judgement in trials involving persons connected with Herzl Avitan, an accused murderer, will not hear the case in which Avitan is charged with murdering Ronnie Nitzan, Ramle prison centre warden.

The new bench will be appointed by the court's president.

Avitan's attorney, David Yiftah, last week asked the court to disqualify the bench that has sat in related trials until now.

This bench is made up of Judges Eliahu Vinograd, Edna Shatzky and Avraham Meishar. Judges Vinograd and Meishar held that although there was no doubt that the court could be objective, it was important that justice not only be done, but also be seen to be done.

In her minority opinion, Judge Shatzky said that Yiftah's request should be rejected because the court as now constituted could give Avitan a fair trial.

Two teachers' unions agree on demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two teachers unions (Histadrut Teachers Union and Secondary School Teachers Association) yesterday reached agreement on joint demands for implementing the Etzioni Commission recommendations on improving their wages and working conditions. They presented the demands to representatives of the Education and Culture and Finance Ministries.

A spokeswoman for the Histadrut Teachers Union said there have been some changes in the original demands, but she would not say what they were.

The original demands called for a 30 per cent salary increase (to bring teachers' salaries up to those of the engineers), early-retirement options for teachers over 50 after 25 years of service, smaller classes and larger employer contributions to the teachers' sabbatical fund.

The exact time and place of the next negotiating session will be decided on Sunday.

45,000 pupils study at computer terminals

About 45,000 pupils in 150 schools are studying with the help of computers. Most of the pupils — 12,400 — are in the South. There are 9,300 in the North and 7,600 in Haifa. The smallest number is 3,100 in Jerusalem.

A total of 1,821 terminals in 135 computer programmes are available to the pupils in schools from the elementary level to teachers' seminars. The Education and Culture Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Offenders tried swiftly in enforcement drive

RAMLE (Itim). — The police and the courts in the central district are cooperating in a special drive to try offenders in a variety of personal and property crimes within 72 hours of their arrest. Since May 15, car thieves, wife beaters, drunks and sex offenders have been brought to rapid justice.

Within several days of attacking his wife, a Netanya man was given a suspended sentence of four months and fined \$25,000. In the first week of the campaign, five persons were convicted and sentenced for aggravated assault and three for stealing cars.

With the opening of the summer swimming season, the central district police are placing a particular emphasis on enforcing the law against vandals on the beaches and at swimming pools.



Housing aid unaffected by immigration slump

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the slump in aliya, the number of applications from new settlers for state housing assistance appears to be holding steady, and may be on the rise, according to figures reported yesterday by the Ministry of Housing and Construction.

Whereas in 1982 slightly less than 3,000 subsidized or guaranteed mortgage loans were granted in the first four months of this year the ministry has already received requests for aid from 1,350 olim families.

A ministry official noted that a family of new settlers with five members qualifies for IS1.4 million towards the purchase of a flat in Jerusalem, and a million shekels for the purchase of a housing unit elsewhere in the country.

The official pointed out that in specific neighbourhoods of certain cities — such as Jerusalem's new Gilo suburb — a supplemental loan of IS350,000 is available "and this plus the regular mortgage loan we give can almost cover the price of the flat."

The ministry reported that new olim took possession of 2,850 new and previously occupied housing units during the 1982/83 fiscal year. Of these, 300 were in Jerusalem.

Good Fence doesn't stop drugs, court sees

NAZARETH (Itim). — The local District court paid a visit to the Good Fence this week in order to get an on-the-scene view of how 1,000 kilograms of hashish and 1.5kg. of heroin were smuggled into the country from Lebanon.

State witness Elias Abia, a resident of Marjayoun who was brought over from the Lebanese side of the border with a police escort, demonstrated to the court how sacks containing 25kg. of hashish each were tossed over the fence not far from the Fatma border crossing.

In Haifa District Court, a Haifa resident, Fouad Hajab, 33, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment and was given a three-year suspended sentence for buying 30kg. of hashish that had been smuggled from Lebanon.

Aircraft Industries get new boss

LOD (Itim). — Shalom Nimrod Ariav was named managing director of the Israel Aircraft Industries on Wednesday at a meeting of the concern's board of directors. The IAI spokesman said that the appointment had the approval of Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

Ariav, who was an IAI manager in the 1960s, left the concern in 1972 to work for Atasco, where he coordinated commercial and marketing contacts with IAI.

Rabbi Eliahu to become 'Rishon Lezion' in June

Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu is to be formally inducted as "Rishon Lezion," (the title borne by the Sephardi chief rabbi) at a ceremony on June 13 in the Rabbi Yohanan Ben-Zakkai synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City. President Chaim Herzog is expected to be among those present.

After the ceremony, Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg will give a reception at Hechal Shlomo, the seat of the chief rabbinate, in honour of Rabbi Eliahu and his Ashkenazi counterpart, Rabbi Avraham Shapira.

Census getting on smoothly

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's fourth national census is progressing satisfactorily and a series of preliminary findings is expected to be published in September, census director Binyamin Lasman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"Our 6,000 census takers distributed 60 per cent of the questionnaires in the first three days of the project," he said. "We expect all the forms to be distributed by Monday, and six days later the collection of the completed questionnaires will begin."

The detailed questionnaires will yield economic, social and demographic data, which the Central Bureau of Statistics will process and make available to relevant government agencies for vital planning functions.

Lasman added: "We are gratified by the courtesy being extended to our canvassers, who by the nature

of their job must request information generally considered private — data on income from a job or business, supplemental income and possession of specific durable goods such as colour television receivers.

"The only pockets of resistance they are encountering are in certain neighbourhoods in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak with heavy concentrations of Orthodox Jews. As in the past, some of these people balk at participating in any type of census for religious reasons."

Their objection to the census is based on the biblical warning (Exodus 30:12) that no direct count be made of individuals "so that there might be no plague among them."

According to an account in II Samuel 24, King David incurred divine wrath by conducting a census.

The two chief rabbis have, however, ruled that indirect head-

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under the agreement reached this week. It is believed they will continue to see not only the chronic-disease patients but also "emergencies."

In addition, the 500 "independent" doctors who work for Kupat Holim Clalit under an arrangement whereby they see patients in their private clinics in their home continued to see patients yesterday, as they have done since the beginning of the strike on March 2.

Pressure on hospital emergency wards was much greater yesterday than on Wednesday, when 30 per cent of the hospital staffs returned to work after the three-day "desertion" of Sunday through Tuesday.

The rush and disorder that had been expected at the clinics in Haifa did not materialize.

Some patients at the Geula clinic, in the Hadar quarter, which serves mostly elderly patients, began queuing as early as 5 a.m. But the queues were orderly and patients waited their turn quietly.

One elderly woman, a diabetic, waited more than two hours for a prescription. She had been going to Rambam Hospital for treatment and medication. "I know the doctors are here at the clinic only twice a week, but at least they are back and that gives us all so much more peace of mind," she told *The Post*.

The full complement of four general practitioners were on duty and, as far as could be ascertained, no patients were turned away.

One doctor said that he had a woman yesterday morning complaining of stomach ache and diarrhea, and he treated her "the same as the chronically ill."

The doctor, who like the other doctors received a "welcome back" card from the staff, praised the nurses for the "wonderful job" they have done during the strike. "All I hope is that the strike will soon be settled and we can get back to our job of taking care of people," he said.

At the Kiryat Sprinatz clinic, at the bottom of French Carmel, the situation was also "quiet and well ordered." Said the clinic's senior nurse: "We have had about 250 patients today, which is about the same as a normal day, but certainly not the rush we expected."

Most of the patients said they sympathize with the doctors but do not approve of the methods they used. "The doctors deserve to get a better wage, but they shouldn't have left us for three months without a proper health service," said one man.

Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan was present at Wednesday night's meeting on the strike, and not as reported in yesterday's *Post*.

Druckman makes short shrift of sports event

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RA'ANANA. — Knesset Member Haim Druckman forbade members of the Bnei Akiva youth movement to participate in a sports day earlier this week organized by the Ra'anana municipality for the town's youth because participants would be wearing shorts.

Druckman, the National Religious youth movement's rabbi, was asked by its leaders before the event whether it is permissible for boys and girls to wear shorts when appearing together in sporting events. Druckman said no.

OPEN HOUSE. — Seminars on the history of Jerusalem and on Israel's social gap, lectures on atomic physics and on computers, along with a "disco-pool" and aerobic dancing will all be part of the first "open house" at the Hebrew University's campuses in Jerusalem on Monday from 9 a.m. until the evening.

Israel's unhappy start to European basketball tourney

Post Sports Staff

A spirited second-half rally was not enough to expunge the effect of a disastrous opening spell as Israel were surprisingly beaten 78-72 by underdogs Holland, rated the weakest team in their section, when the European Basketball Championships began in Caen, France yesterday afternoon.

The first half was truly appalling for Israel with nothing going right. Every member of the team was sluggish, inept and playing far below true form. The shooting was inaccurate, the defence weak, and very little effort was made to collect rebounds under either basket.

The Israelis seemed to be rattled by the speed with which they amassed eight fouls, and every successive foul of which they were guilty soon added to the misery by enabling the Dutch to collect two bonus points. The Dutch may have been to blame for the Israeli performance since they produced some inspired touches, defended fiercely, pounced on rebounds with alacrity, and shot with deadly skill.

Coach Ralph Klein managed to work some hocus-focus at the interval for the Israelis came transformed. They fought for the ball, the shooting improved, and several

neat plays were introduced. Mickey Berkowitz occasionally produced the brilliant touches for which he is famous.

Having taken the turn 12 points in arrears at 43-21 Israel clawed back into contention. They were just four points behind with two minutes to the final buzzer. Had Lou Silver not committed a passing error after a wonderful interception of his own they might in fact have snatched a remarkable come-back victory. But it would have been more than they deserved, and ill-justice to the brave Dutch for whom Cramer, Piaat and Faber were outstanding.

The main consolation for Israel was fine efforts in the late rally by the young Yisrael Elimelech and by Haim Zlotikman.

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HOLLAND — Cramer 16, Kuipers 12, Plat 12, Wild 11, Faber 12, ISRAEL — Berkowitz 24, Zlotikman 11, Janouch 14, Aronoff 6, Lasanoff 4, Silver 8, Elimelech 2, Schachter 1. In the other section in Liège, Greece beat Sweden 69-66.

Tonight Israel engage the Soviet Union, the defending champions. The second half of the match will be televised live at 9.10 p.m. Highlights of tomorrow afternoon's crucial match against Poland will be shown in the evening on the *Mabat Sport* programme.

Glickstein advances in Paris

Post Sports Staff

Shlomo Glickstein marched triumphantly onward at the French tennis Open in Paris yesterday, scoring a convincing 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 win over Sweden's Jan Gunnarsson. The Israeli champion now moves into the top time among the last 32 of the 128 strong draw.

Since Glickstein has had the good fortune to have been drawn in one of the least powerful sections of the life-up, he has a fair chance of progressing still further. The two seeded players in his section are José Higueras of Spain and Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Glickstein's second round win

was something of a landmark in his pro-tennis career. It was the first time in 10 attempts that he has reached the last 32 in any of the major Grand Slam tournaments — Paris, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. In his previous three outings, in Paris, Glickstein went out twice in the opening round and once in the second round.

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400 Argentines will settle here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four hundred Argentine Jews are expected to come here to settle within a few weeks.

Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Raphael Kolowitz, who is visiting Argentina, yesterday attended a farewell party for the olim given by the Buenos Aires Jewish community.

An assembly of all aliya emissaries in Latin America was held this week. They asked the Israeli government to make available public housing for Latin American Jews who want to settle here but don't have enough money to buy a flat on the private market.

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Economic summit starts tomorrow

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, (Reuters). — Leaders of the major non-Communist industrial countries gathered this weekend in this reconstructed colonial village for an economic summit carefully designed to achieve a display of unity.

With leaders still sensitive about the divisions at their Versailles summit last year, President Ronald Reagan and his administration have made peace overtures to them on the issues of currency-market intervention and Western trade with the Soviet Union.

These questions produced tense exchanges and shouting at Versailles.

Nevertheless, some touchy areas remain to be discussed at the conference of leaders from the U.S., Britain, the German Federal Republic, France, Japan, Italy and Canada from tomorrow to Monday.

The Europeans are greatly concerned about massive U.S. budget deficits, which they feel have caused the American dollar to be overvalued at the expense of their currencies and have threatened recovery from the global recession.

French President Francois Mitterrand has called for an international gathering, modelled on the 1944 Bretton Woods conference, which could establish a new

monetary order and stabilize the world's major currencies.

Senior U.S. officials say the White House will make an effort at Williamsburg to be flexible on these issues.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan told reporters this week the president will also try to dispel the notion widely held in Europe that big U.S. budget deficits produce high American interest rates, which in turn put a drag on the world economy.

Reagan is likely to note that short-term U.S. interest rates have fallen now to 9 per cent, down from 15 per cent at the time of the Versailles meeting last year and 18 per cent when the Ottawa summit was held two years ago.

This drop in interest rates, the president will say, has occurred despite the fact that U.S. budget deficits have been soaring.

Reagan will add that the latest surveys show that the economies of the industrial nations, except for Japan, are either recovering or are well on their way towards revival.

Other factors have convinced Reagan administration officials that the Williamsburg summit will be relatively harmonious.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is running for re-election, with voting set for June 9, and will

be looking for any support the Americans can lend to enhance her campaign.

Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani is heading a caretaker government also involved in an election campaign and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone may also face an electoral challenge in the near future.

For that matter, Reagan himself has been acting more like a candidate of late, visiting various American cities and setting the stage for a possible re-election bid in 1984.

Federal German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, while relatively secure in his position after winning elections in March, is keen to get some message from Reagan on arms control to carry with him to Moscow when he visits Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in early July.

The major question mark at the summit, senior American officials concede, will be Mitterrand.

France was not particularly pleased with the U.S. performance at the Versailles summit and, together with other West European countries, was angry with Reagan's later imposition of sanctions against European firms contributing equipment to the Soviet natural gas pipeline.



Ex-king Idris pictured in Cairo in 1974.

Body of former Libyan king flown to Medina for burial

CAIRO (AP). — The body of Idris, former king of Libya, was flown to Saudi Arabia early yesterday for burial in accordance with his wish, the official Middle East News Agency said.

Idris, who died in a Cairo hospital on Wednesday at age 93, ruled Libya from 1951 until he was overthrown by Muammar Gaddafi in a military coup in September 1969.

He had been in hospital since May 16 for treatment of old age ailments.

The agency said his body was flown by a special Egyptian plane to Medina.

The agency said Idris would be buried in Medina, Islam's second holiest city after Mecca.

It said the body was given an official sendoff at Cairo airport and was accompanied on the flight to Saudi Arabia by an Egyptian presidential honour mission including a chamberlain and an aide-de-camp.

Idris was given asylum in Egypt in 1969 and the late President Anwar Sadat granted him and members of his family Egyptian nationality in 1974.

East Berlin court sees how Nazis killed Czechs

EAST BERLIN (AP). — An East Berlin court yesterday watched slides showing how Nazis executed prisoners during World War II as the war-crimes trial continued against former SS officer Heinz Barth.

Barth, 62, who lost a leg when the Allies invaded France in 1944, is accused of helping in the reprisal murders of hundreds of Czechoslovak and French nationals in 1942 and 1944.

The slides showed blindfolded Czechoslovaks being led before a mass firing squad by the Gestapo and SS officers finishing off those not killed by the volleys. "Yes, that is the way it was done," Barth said in a barely audible voice.

The photos were allegedly taken by a Czechoslovak photographer on orders from Nazis who wished to use them as training devices. The pictures survived the war because the photographer disobeyed instructions and kept several prints, the court said.

Barth is on trial on charges of committing "war crimes and crimes against humanity."

The trial, which opened Wednesday and is scheduled to end June 7, is open to Western newsmen — an extraordinary event in this tightly controlled Communist nation.

Barth watched the slides and answered questions from a chair because of his handicap. Court officials said the photos were sent by the Czechoslovak Documentation Centre for Nazi War Crimes for the trial.

Barth was not on any firing squad shown on the slides. But he admitted that he volunteered for an identical action on June 9, 1942 at the Luby firing range near Klatovy.

He said he was in the area to attend a training course for Nazi police officer candidates. He said he became an officer and eventually became a first lieutenant in the SS.

Wave sweeps children away

TOKYO (Reuters). — A party of schoolchildren on a beach outing were sucked out to sea and presumed killed after a fierce earthquake threw a three-metre tidal wave against Japan's northwestern coasts yesterday.

Police said at least 29 persons were killed and 67 missing after the earthquake — strongest in 15 years — sent the wave crashing in from the Sea of Japan.

Many of those missing could be presumed dead after their bodies were washed out to sea, police added. More than 50 persons were injured and the toll is expected to increase from boats capsized at sea, they said.

Among the missing were 13 primary-school children and two teachers on a beach outing and 45 men who had been working from small boats on a partially built power station.

Farm worker Tsuyoshi Tsuruga said he saw the wave sweep through the 50 teachers and children as they played beside two minibuses on a beach north of Akita.

"They were about to eat lunch. Then there was a big sound and people shouted 'It's a quake.' A big tidal wave, the biggest I've ever seen in my life, roared over the screaming children and sucked them out to sea," he said.

"We rushed into the water to save them. I saw children floating among the waves. Some of the children clung to overturned floats and boats and they were saved first," he said.

Rescuers pulled 35 from the water, but the rest were still missing. While most casualties were caused by the wave, the earthquake caused widespread damage to buildings, roads and communications. Power to 35,000 homes was cut and Japan's high-speed "bullet" train suspended service.

Nile ferry dead now 317

ABU SIMBEL (Reuters). — A total of 317 passengers were yesterday feared dead from the fire which engulfed a Nile ferry on Wednesday.

Egyptian officials said 194 bodies have been recovered and the search of the smouldering hulk will continue today.

All 42 sailors aboard the vessel at the time of the fire were arrested and flown to an Aswan jail.

Rescue teams, including helicopter crews and army frogmen, continued the search for the missing yesterday in waters 300 kilometres south of Aswan.

More than 600 persons were aboard the ship and two vessels it was towing on a trip from Aswan to Wadi Halfa in Sudan.

Many of the bodies recovered from the scene of the disaster were charred beyond recognition.

Eye-witnesses said winds fanned the fire, which turned the vessel, Ramadan 10, into an inferno.

Many of the victims were burnt to death as they slept in their cabins. Some survivors who managed to swim to shore were attacked by

snakes and scorpions, brought out of their holes by smoke from the burning ship.

The Egyptian Interior Ministry said the fire broke out at dawn when a cooking gas cylinder exploded. The ship, most of whose passengers were Sudanese, was near the ancient Pharaonic temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel when the explosion occurred.

A 70-year-old woman saved her three grandchildren by snatching them from their cabin and hurrying them overboard. The children swam to shore and the woman also survived, though with serious burns, witnesses said.

Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Moeideen and several of his ministers flew to Abu Simbel to supervise the search and relief work.

An airlift was set up between Cairo and the arid disaster scene so that medicine and food could be brought in for the survivors. In addition, three Egyptian Air Force planes carried Sudanese survivors to Khartoum.

Senior U.S. military adviser assassinated in San Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (Reuters). — The deputy chief of the U.S. group advising Salvadoran government forces fighting left-wing guerrillas has been shot dead in the first known killing of an American military adviser in El Salvador.

As of yesterday, no one had claimed responsibility for Wednesday night's shooting.

Lieutenant-Commander Albert Schaufelberger, the second-highest ranking U.S. officer in El Salvador, was shot four times as he sat alone in his car in a parking lot, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Schaufelberger, 33, had been stationed in San Salvador with the U.S. military group since August.

Asked about the possible motive for the killing, the embassy spokesman said, "We have our presumptions, but I can't comment on that yet."

The U.S. advisers group, which Congress has ruled should not number more than 55, declined to comment.

The force arrived here in 1981 to aid the U.S.-backed government in its struggle with leftist guerrillas.

White officers on trial in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (Reuters). — Former members of Rhodesian security forces backed by South Africa blew up Zimbabwe warplanes in an undercover attack last year, the prosecution said yesterday in the trial of six White air force officers.

The prosecution said the defendants admitted complicity in the raid on Zimbabwe's main air base, which destroyed about a quarter of the air force.

The state alleges that the six helped three saboteurs from South Africa enter Thornhill base near the midlands city of Gweru last July, where they blew up 13 planes and other equipment.

Many White members of the Rhodesian military fled to South Africa when the civil war that preceded Zimbabwe's independence ended and the Black nationalist guerrillas they were fighting assumed power.

The Department of Trade announced its decision after three days of talks with the U.S. Justice Department about legal complications following the collapse last year of Laker Airways, which pioneered cheap transatlantic fares.

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Space hero surges ahead in polls

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — American space hero John Glenn's bid for the U.S. presidency seems to be taking off before Glenn himself is quite ready for the ride.

Well ahead of his own timetable, new opinion polls show the Ohio senator poised to overtake former vice-president Walter Mondale as top choice for the Democratic Party's 1984 presidential nomination.

A fresh Gallup poll shows that Mondale, number two under former president Jimmy Carter, leads Glenn by only 29 to 23 per cent — a big difference from the 2:1 lead Mondale held in previous surveys.

The news has invigorated the Democratic race and strongly suggests that Glenn's personal prestige will provide a solid challenge to the affluent, well-organized Mondale campaign.

A recent poll by the Penn-Schoen organization gave the first signs that Glenn was catching up. Then last week, a Los Angeles Times survey indicated he had taken a slight lead, though political analysts were sceptical because of the poll's small statistical base.

Glenn's leap in this week's Gallup survey seemed to catch his strategists by surprise.

"The polls are moving faster than we'd like," said Glenn campaign aide Michael Colopy. "We'd prefer the frontrunner (Mondale) to remain the front-runner until we can move into a commanding lead, which would be close to the end of the year."

Besides Mondale and Glenn, the other Democrats now in the White House race are senators Gary Hart of Colorado, Alan Cranston of California, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, and former Florida Governor Reubin Askew.

Glenn's strategy from the outset has been to play a waiting game: making contacts, raising money and establishing an image as a mature, middle-of-the-road candidate who might give Democrats their best chance to beat Republican President Ronald Reagan in the 1984 general election.

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French N-blast upsets Australia

CANBERRA (AP). — THE Australian government delivered a formal protest yesterday against France's latest nuclear explosion in the South Pacific after Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden warned of a "serious strain" in bilateral relations.

Hayden summoned French charge d'affaires Hervé Ladous to his office and outlined Australia's objections to the explosion.

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Polish police summon Walesa

WARSAW (AP). — Solidarity chief Lech Walesa said yesterday that he received a summons Wednesday to appear at police headquarters today after he gets off work.

"The summons doesn't say what it is all about, but they usually don't summon people after working hours if it is a routine questioning," said Walesa, reached by telephone at his apartment in the Baltic port of Gdansk. He has been summoned repeatedly for questioning in recent weeks.

Walesa declined to confirm reports that he will apply for a day off from his job as an electrician at the Lenin shipyard to allow him to meet with Pope John Paul II on June 23.

Walesa sent a letter to the official Polish news agency PAP appealing for calm during the June 16-23 visit by the Polish-born pontiff, a spokesman said. The pope will not travel to Gdansk, cradle of the independent Solidarity labour federation.

Both Walesa and the pope have expressed desire for a meeting, but the Polish government is reluctant to permit the two men to meet publicly, apparently fearing such a meeting would underscore the pope's often repeated support for trade union free of state control. Solidarity, the only free trade union in the Soviet bloc, was suspended under the martial law declaration of December 13, 1981.

Ousted Iranian envoys leave Soviet Union

MOSCOW — Three Iranian diplomats expelled by the Soviet Union departed for home yesterday, their embassy reported.

A spokeswoman for Ambassador Kia Tabatabai declined to say why the three diplomats had been told to leave. However, Radio Tehran reported on Wednesday that the action was in retaliation for Iran's recent expulsion of 18 Soviet diplomats for alleged links with the outlawed Tudeh (Communist) Party of Iran.

The embassy spokeswoman declined to name the three diplomats, saying their identities "are not important."

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Sports

Seeds go marching onward

PARIS (Reuters). — Leading seeds Chris Evert Lloyd and Martina Navratilova of the United States, and Czech Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe of the U.S. — among the men — had easy victories in the French Open tennis championships yesterday — but fifth-seeded Pam Shriver made a painful third-round exit. Shriver fell and twisted her ankle in the first set against unseeded Jo Durie of Britain. She lost the set 6-2 and gave up.

Evert, seeded second and bidding for her fifth French title, overcame early service problems to beat stylish Swiss player Christiane Jolande 6-4, 6-2 and advance to a third-round meeting with her old rival of the seventies, Evonne Cawley of Australia. Navratilova, the top seed, hammered the Czech girl Karolina Sleskova 6-1, 6-1.

Lendl, beaten by Bjorn Borg in the 1981 final here and seeded third this time, was completely in control as he cruised through his second-round match 6-2, 6-2 against Spain's Sergio Casal.

McEnroe had little trouble winning against the Spaniard Alberto Tomba, winning in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3. The temperamental American has already put his troubled talent visibly on show. In the opening round on Wednesday he collected a paltry \$350 fine and loud boos from the crowd as he beat lowly-ranked Ben Testerman in five full sets.

The incident-packed match that lasted nearly four and a quarter hours highlighted McEnroe's struggle to find his form as he battled a recurring shoulder injury. To add to the handicap he complained repeatedly about the umpire and line judges, shouted abuse at the crowd and allegedly aimed a kick at a photographer. He was eventually fined for ball abuse after smashing balls at the court backdrop in frustration.

Crashing out in the second round were Jose Luis Clerc and Tomas Sandt but among those safely through to the third round are Israeli's Shlomo Glickstein (see story page 3), Fernando Lusa (Spain), Hans Gildemeister (Czech), Mircea Hecner (Brazil), Pablo Arraya (Peru), Heinz Guntardt (Switzerland), Eric Fromm (U.S.), Guillermo Vilas (Argentina), Yandel Noah (France), Mel Purcell (U.S.), Elie Telscher (U.S.), and Brian Gottfried (U.S.). Among the women, Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin had after the big two, are both comfortably through.

Pirates walk 'em — without even trying

NEW YORK (AP). — Jim Bibby and Jimmy Winn helped put the Pittsburgh Pirates into the record book, issuing a record-tying seven consecutive walks in the third inning of the Atlanta Braves 6-0 victory over the Pirates in Wednesday night's American baseball action.

"That never happened to me before," said Pirates manager, Chuck Tanner. "They were just trying to throw strikes. They weren't trying to walk them. That just shows you that everything happens in baseball."

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Los Angeles 6, Philadelphia 1; San Francisco 7, New York 6; Houston 1, Chicago 6; Montreal 2, San Diego 6; and St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 2.

American League results
Milwaukee 7, Oakland 6;
Seattle 2, Cleveland 1;
Detroit 6, Toronto 2;
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 4;
Boston 2, Chicago 6;
Kansas City 5, Texas 2;
California 7, New York 1.

SCOREBOARD

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL: Israel led 5-2 over Britain 77-42 in the Gold Cup world championships in Canada, giving them a credible 2-1 win-loss record to date. Yael Shafran led the way for Israel with 18 points. Other results: U.S. 78 West Germany 46; Sweden 66 Australia 52; France 56 Canada 54; Japan 66 Belgium 59.

GOLF: The U.S. led Britain 6 to 5, in the World Cup.

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GIVEN THE political constraints that face this government, there is no alternative to the economic policy it is now pursuing, according to Dr. Yakir Plessner.

The deputy governor of the Bank of Israel has good reason to come to the defence of the policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, which have come under heavy fire from many quarters in recent weeks, particularly after the record 13.3 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index last month.

For Plessner, together with Treasury director-general Prof. Ezra Sadan, is considered one of the main architects of that policy.

Plessner's association with Sadan goes back to the days when both were on the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture in Rehovot. Together, they make up the cutting edge of what might be called the "Rehovot Mafia" on economic matters; others members include Ya'acov Gadish, head of the Treasury's budget division, and Pinhas Sussman, formerly director-general of the Defence Ministry.

Even before he was installed at the Bank of Israel early this year (as deputy to Governor Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum) the 48-year-old Plessner had been at the flashpoint of economic policy dispute. He had been moved over to the bank after more than a year as Aridor's adviser, during the time that the finance minister developed his open-handed "proper economics."

From the beginning, Plessner spoke of the continuing devaluation of the Israeli shekel as a major cause of inflation. At a December 1981 budget seminar, he argued that devaluations reduce the resources for domestic uses by cutting down imports and expanding exports. And he still holds a similar view, stating that in Israel, devaluations failed to achieve their purpose.

IN AN INTERVIEW in his office at the Bank of Israel headquarters in the Jerusalem Kirya this week, I note that Plessner has been censured in the press for statements he made attacking the cost-of-living allowance, excessive living standards, the Histadrut.

Plessner smiles: "I'm innocent of the accusation at least. I haven't attacked the Histadrut."

Did that report have a source? "I suppose it was based on an address I made to the Israel Management Centre. I spoke of the unhappy fact that for a long time, wages in Israel have been rising faster than productivity."

"This has caused a decline in the profitability of industry. By the way, the International Monetary Fund confirms what I said. In a study just prepared on the Israeli economy, it cites the country's heavy wage bill as one of its two central problems—the other being excessive government budgets."

The Jerusalem Post's David Krivine talks to Yakir Plessner about Israel's current economic predicament



"The doctors have crossed a line that no group should be allowed to cross"

If there is criticism about wages, Plessner seems to direct his wrath against the employers rather than the unions. "Instead of fighting hard against the Histadrut's wage demands at the bargaining table, the industrialists find it easier to give in and bag the Treasury to bail them out."

"The Treasury has done it up to now. Hence the peaceful industrial climate. There are fewer strikes in the private sector here than almost anywhere else in the Free World, which is good, except that business firms are sinking under the burden of wage costs."

So what is the solution? THE SOLUTION? The industrialists must stand up to the unions. They will only do that if the government refuses to foot the bill; which is exactly what is happening right now.

The industrialists say that what they are fighting for is a fair exchange-rate to make their exports profitable.

THE FIGHT is in reality over something a bit different: whether the government should be responsible for the whole subject of profitability. Our contention is that it shouldn't. This is a new attitude, making a decisive break with the past.

But if there is any yielding to the unions, surely the government has been the guilty party. It negotiates wages for the public sector, and that sets the pace for the private sector. "THE SITUATION" you describe "doesn't exist" any more. The authorities were indeed to blame in the past—they used to give the

signal, and others followed. That is no longer the case.

The private sector takes the lead today; wages are rising faster there. During the year 1981-82, the increase was 13.5 per cent for industrial workers, and only 5 per cent for the civil servants. It is becoming hard to attract candidates of quality for jobs in the administration.

Isn't that a welcome development? The government always wanted those employed in production to earn more than those employed in the services.

IT IS certainly a welcome change—provided that output per worker rises also, sufficiently to pay for the higher salaries. The trouble is, as I say, that there is a lag.

Does that lag explain the deplorable drop in exports?

TRADE ALL over the world is in recession.

Yet that recession is surely not big enough to justify a fall of 7 per cent in our exports last year and another 8 per cent (so far) this year.

WELL, exports from Japan declined last year by 7.5 per cent, despite a 13 per cent devaluation of the yen. The French did even worse, their trade deficit widened by three-quarters—though they had devalued the franc by 20 per cent. I have data showing that the import by West Germany, from all sources, of the type of goods that we sell has sunk since 1980 by 20 to 25 per cent.

UNDER THE circumstances, Plessner does not consider Israel's export performance so lamentable.

"The slowdown in metals, machinery and electronics (a branch in which we are strong) derives entirely from reduced defence orders from abroad. And believe me, that has nothing to do with the government's economic policy."

Deals were made in 1982 that have not been repeated in 1983. It's as simple as that.

"If you take civilian exports only in this high-technology sector, they have actually increased slightly. And another thing, we would be able to achieve a mighty boost in our exports to Latin America were we irresponsible enough to accept promissory notes in payment."

"The countries in that continent are willing to buy. Unfortunately when it comes to settling, they are dismayed short of ready cash."

Plessner refuses to be intimidated by the frightening statistics that reveal, month-by-month, both a deteriorating foreign-trade situation and soaring prices. He stands firm in defence of the government policies with which he identifies.

The cost-of-living index, he points out, does not reflect only inflation: "It measures the monthly increase in prices, and there are two factors pushing prices up. One is the inflationary process, that is true. The other is changes in supply and demand."

For example, during the five months ending in March, the price of fruits and vegetables soared at an annual rate of 450 per cent. The cause was a fall in production.

There are, he says, a number of reasons for this: "In giving up Sinai to the Egyptians, we sacrificed all the winter vegetables that used to come from our settlements in the

Rafiah area. Also, Israel's agricultural exports collapsed last year, something which again had nothing to do with the government's economic policy."

Plessner refused to elaborate. His speciality is agricultural economics, which has involved him at different times in some controversy with the farming community.

It is generally known, however, that the country's agriculture is in a crisis. Traditional products, among them fruit and vegetables, are becoming less competitive in world markets. Other countries have acquired up-to-date skills, while enjoying low labour costs.

Israel has to shift to high-technology products in agriculture as well as in industry. This has, for some reason which Plessner would not explain, caused a shrinkage in planted areas, even for supplying the domestic market.

By omitting fruit and vegetables from the price calculation, says Plessner, "we find that price inflation is the same today as it was a year ago, with one important difference: then the trend was up, now the trend is down."

A year ago inflation was running at an annual rate of 125 per cent. Six months ago, the rate was up to 142 per cent. Now it is down to 126 per cent again."

Sensing my scepticism, he turns to another table, the wholesale index of industrial prices. "Look what that shows," he says. "A year ago, prices in the graph were up by 116 per cent. Six months ago by 161 per cent—and now a more respectable 106 per cent."

I am unable to work up much

enthusiasm for Plessner's brave attempt to put a good face on the figures: how did we get locked into such monstrous three-figure inflation, anyway? I ask.

"For an answer we have to go back quite a long time, something like 10 years," he replies. "During that period, the orbit of government has expanded greatly. Outlays have multiplied and now exceed revenues. The deficit is massive enough to eat up all the country's private savings, so that national savings, public and private together, are nil."

"There are two ways of financing a deficit. One is through inflation. Inflation mops up purchasing power; it acts as a kind of unofficial tax which helps cover the government's budget deficit."

"But it doesn't happen in Israel because of indexation. Purchasing power isn't mopped up. Earnings—from wages, from loan money—are linked to the index, so however high prices get, incomes keep up with them."

"That leaves only one other course—a deterioration in the balance of payments." The excess of goods flowing in mops up the excess of money in the hands of the public.

But surely more goods should be flowing out of Israel, not more goods flowing in?

"I agree, but to do that the currency has to be devalued; and that is another thing which does not work in Israel."

Devaluation, he implies, is a kind of planned inflation: "What it does is put up the price of goods, both those imported and those exported. When prices rise, the local population buys less, thus diverting resources from the home to the export market."

"In fact, the local population does not buy less, because of the same indexation." So devaluations—in Israel—are a waste of time. They give another twist to the inflationary spiral—without narrowing the trade gap.

The government does what is left: it fights hard against excessive budgetary expenditures where it can avoid them. The trouble is that there are many it cannot avoid. Plessner refers discreetly to "political constraints." He means, presumably, outlays in Lebanon, in the administered areas, in the yehivot—items where, according to the opposition, important economies could be effected.

Instead, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor stood fast on the reform of El Al at the cost of a lengthy strike, and he stands fast against the doctors' strike. About the confrontation with the medical profession, Plessner is completely decided. "I support the Treasury's policy up to the hilt."

"I think this is one of the most im-

portant battles in Israel's history, not only on the economic front but also on the social front. The doctors have crossed a line that no group should be allowed to cross."

"They have exploited the agony of the sick to achieve their economic ends. They are not merely threatening the profits of their employers, as in a normal labour conflict; they threaten the fabric of the society they inhabit."

"If the government had succumbed to the doctors, a blow would have been dealt to the country's social stability. I speak in full consciousness of what I say. After that, nothing would remain sacred. Interested parties would discover that in the search for economic benefits, all means are legitimate."

I try to check his tirade. What, I ask, would be the economic damage?

"Tremendous," he says, undismayed. "Granting the doctors' claim would mean tearing up the framework agreement. It would mean destroying the authority of the Histadrut, a signatory to this agreement. It would mean shattering the power of the Histadrut to speak for the Unions and to coordinate union policy."

"The tide of wage demands generated by this breach of contract would sweep away the last barriers against inflation and widen the trade gap as never before. All attempts by the government to carry out a sane economic policy would go by the board."

A FINAL POINT: Why does Plessner give such a high priority to reducing inflation? Israelis are, after all, insured to the monthly erosion in the buying power of the shekel; it doesn't affect our living standards. So what difference does it make whether the index goes up by 100 per cent or 150 per cent or 80 per cent?

He looks grave. "Inflation is causing terrible long-term damage to the structure of our labour force, because it pushes resources away from production into the financial sector. Inflation favours financial manipulation—that is what gives the greatest profit."

"Take a look at the evolution of employment in the various sectors, you will see what inflation is doing to the economy."

I look. From the beginning of 1979 to the end of 1982, the number of building workers declined by 3 per cent; the number of agricultural workers has remained unchanged; the number of industrial workers has risen by less than 1 per cent; and the number of individuals in the financial services has shot up by over one-quarter.

"We may be able to live with these trends," says Plessner, "but it is not the kind of society we want to bequeath to our children, is it?"

IF ANY voter in the British general election casts his vote on June 9 on the basis of a party's sympathy for Israel, he will have to decide which party is the least bad rather than the best.

The truth is that there is little to choose between them. Particularly between the main contenders, the Conservatives and Labour. The Conservatives have admitted as much in the guidelines sent to candidates to help them answer questions from constituents. The party states: "Official Labour policy on the Arab-Israeli conflict is not substantially different from government policy, except that Labour's campaign document explicitly supports the right of the Palestinians to an independent state."

While the Tory manifesto makes no reference whatsoever to the Middle East, Labour's document,

entitled "The New Hope For Britain," pledges the party to support "the right of Palestinians to self-determination, including the establishment of a Palestinian state."

This is a far cry from the days when British socialists were so staunchly pro-Israel that supporters of the Jewish State feared the sweep to power of Margaret Thatcher and the Tories.

It would be an exaggeration to say that the past four years of Thatcher rule have been a period of sweetness and light between London and Jerusalem, but it has not been as bad as had been feared. In view of Labour's violent swing to the left while in opposition and the support of the left for the Palestinians, it is extremely doubtful that a Labour victory on June 9 would bring any improvement in the situation. On the contrary, there are

NEGATIVE CHOICE

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent

probably fewer true friends of Israel in the upper reaches of the Labour Party today than there are among leading Tories.

THE MIDDLE EAST, however, is not an election issue and not likely to become one. Unemployment, the economy and disarmament remain the key issues. The only real question appears to be not who will win, but by how much the Tories will triumph. All the polls continue to put them well ahead of Labour, with the Liberal-Social Democratic

Party alliance, for which such high hopes were held, trailing a poor third.

Although the Arab-Israeli conflict is not figuring as an issue nationally, it may do so locally. Jane Moonman, director of BIPAC (British-Israeli Public Affairs Committee), believes that "because of what the Jewish community went through last year—the anti-Israel campaign reached a crescendo during the war in Lebanon—"we may find for the first time that Jews will look closely at their candidates' record on the Middle East before they vote. People are feeling more Jewish during this election campaign because of what happened last year."

That remains to be seen. Those who feel strongly about Israel can be expected to take candidates' views on this subject into consideration, but only as one of many other issues.

Mrs. Thatcher, a staunch opponent of the PLO because she regards it as a terrorist organization, has probably lost some Jewish support because of a meeting she sanctioned a few weeks ago between a Foreign Office minister, Douglas Hurd, and PLO leader Farouk Kaddoumi. Nevertheless, it is believed that without her, Lord Carrington, and subsequently Francis Pym, would have moved even closer to the PLO.

Since succeeding Lord Carrington as foreign secretary, Pym has done little to endear himself to friends of Israel. The one consolation is that whatever the result on June 9, he is unlikely to remain foreign secretary.

Mrs. Thatcher has never been one of his greatest admirers and, the Middle East aside, Pym has won few friends as foreign secretary. He dearly wants to retain the job and is rumoured to have told Mrs. Thatcher that he will leave the government altogether if she offers him another post. She could well hold him to that. THE POSSIBLE alternatives to Pym as foreign secretary are Sir Geoffrey Howe, the current chancellor of the exchequer, who has rarely spoken on Middle East issues, and Tory party chairman Cecil Parkinson, who is regarded as a friend of Israel.

But Jews are not likely to in-

fluence the election. Addressing the plenary session of the Board of Deputies of British Jews last Sunday, Greville Janner, its president, stated, "As a board and as a community, we take the firm view that there is no 'Jewish vote.' But there are large numbers of Jewish voters, some of them strategically placed." Jews, he added, were entitled to ask their candidates about their views on matters of concern to the Jewish community. Apart from Israel, these included racism, anti-Semitism and Soviet Jewry. (Janner is campaigning hard to retain his

seat in Parliament as Labour MP for Leicester West.)

While the Jewish community traditionally keeps a low profile at election time, this is not necessarily true of other minorities. A report published last week listed 37 constituencies up and down the country where the "ethnic vote" of Asians and West Indians could affect the result. The author of the report said: "The minorities should realize how important they are and should sell their votes dearly. The main parties have already begun to take more notice of them."

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"This agreement... is a step towards a just and durable peace..."

A PHRASE from the just-signed Israel-Lebanon accord? Not at all. The quotation comes from Israel's agreement with Syria, signed on May 31, 1974, for the disengagement of forces on the Golan Heights.

That agreement, readers will recall, was implemented to the letter. Prisoners were exchanged, IDF forces withdrew, both sides thinned out their lines. UNDOF took over the buffer zone. Indeed, the agreement has continued to be implemented scrupulously by both sides until the present day.

All of it, that is, apart from the provision (Article H) that it be "a step towards a just and durable peace..." That, so far, has remained a dead letter.

Four months earlier, in January 1974, Israel and Egypt signed a disengagement agreement. This, too, proclaimed (Article D) that it was "a step towards a just and durable peace..." In this case, the proclamation proved to be a realistic assertion. Eight years later,

Israel and Egypt concluded a treaty of peace.

The treaty of peace has been scrupulously implemented. All of it, that is, except for its very first words, which are: "Convinced of the urgent necessity of the establishment of a comprehensive peace in the Middle East; reaffirming their adherence to the 'Framework for Peace in the Middle East' agreed at Camp David..."

That has remained, until now, a dead letter.

These random recollections are not intended to lead to any particular conclusion, but rather to raise questions about the meaning of the concepts "implementation" and "dead letter."

TODAY'S conventional wisdom is that if the Israel-Lebanon agreement fails to be implemented, it will remain a "dead letter." Opponents of the war cite this situation as an additional reason for their opposition.

With sincere respect, indeed with profound support, for those who opposed the war from day one, they do

Oppose war, not peace

By DAVID LANDAU

their cause an injustice by such glib and facile judgments.

For one thing, the Syrians may yet agree to withdraw.

Moreover, even if they remain in Lebanon in the short term, the Israel-Lebanon agreement, with its formal renunciation of war, boycotts and hostile propaganda, with its formal pledges to conclude trade and tourism pacts, may yet prove, in years ahead, to have been a significant political and psychological milestone in the decades-long process of pacification between Israel and the Arabs.

No one can say with certainty today that this will not be the case. But even if it is — and this is the

nub of the argument — it will not have justified the war.

The injustice, the unrighteousness of the war stand by themselves. The abandonment of Israel's most sacred norm — that war be waged for dire self-defense and nothing else — is an enormity which cannot be mitigated, let alone justified, by any political advantage.

That is — or, more accurately, was — Israel's unique strength, the most powerful bond that united the country.

Ariel Sharon is quite right when he says that the current dissent and disaffection are unprecedented in any previous war. They were triggered by his unprecedentedly

political war aims: To smash the PLO in order to cow the West Bank; and to restore the Christian minority to hegemony in Lebanon. The megalomaniacal unleashing of Israel's armed might for misguided and spurious purposes; the alliance with unethical, indeed uncivilized, local forces; the needless — yes, Mr. Sharon, needless — sacrifice of hundreds of precious Israeli lives (from day five to day 360, more than 400 lives have been lost), all these have grievously weakened the nation.

But all these are not cause for the growing body of opinion which repudiates the war to indulge in spurious rhetoric of its own in regard to the agreement that has been signed.

Take Yossi Sarid MK as an articulate example. From his Knesset seat he held aloft the 1949 Armistice Agreement and thundered that in many respects the present accord was no better — and just as worthless.

Firstly, this is a palpably untrue, bitter reaction of knee-jerk tendentiousness. The present agreement (for whatever it's worth) is full of

political content: "Obligation to live in peace with each other," "termination of the state of war," "mutual relations," "inviolable international boundary," "Joint Liaison Committee," "liaison office," "creation of a Security Region," "wall agreements and arrangements enabling the presence (of terrorists) are null and void," "preventive action and due proceedings (against terrorists)," "bona fide negotiations (on trade and tourism) on a non-discriminatory basis," "abrogation of treaties, laws and regulations deemed in conflict with the present agreement."

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Khalim Khaddam, in a long interview this week, provided a detailed textual analysis of the political significance of these provisions — to which he and his president so violently object.

But secondly — and much, much more importantly — Sarid and other anti-war spokesmen, by their unsubstantiated nipping at the agreement, debate themselves and the values for which they have valiantly stood up and spoken out.

What are they saying? That if agreement were a better agreement, it would be a full-fledged, water-tight peace treaty between Israel and Lebanon, that would then retroactively justify the war?

Would a veritable textbook treaty between Israel and what an observer has called "the city-state of Beirut" vindicate the outpouring of blood and national resources, and the violation of national ethics?

I would go further and ask Sarid: Would he justify Israel initiating a war against Syria for the purpose of wringing a peace treaty out of a defeated Damascus? Or against Iraq, or Saudi Arabia, or the Palestinians?

Was not the IDF conceived by its creators to be our sheathed sword, drawn to strike back when we are attacked or mortally threatened, but always aspiring to be so strong a deterrent that eventually the Arabs will accept that Israel cannot be defeated by war, but must be lived with in peace?

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THAT THE Second International Congress on Ecology and Environmental Quality opened this week with a call by Prof. Hillel Shoval, chairman of the Israel Ecological Society, for the establishment of a Ministry of Environment, was not a surprise. At least, now, in 1983, it seems a logical, perhaps even inevitable, step.

Israel already enjoys the services of an Environmental Protection Service under the auspices of the Ministry of Interior, a flourishing Ecological Society, a vital and assertive Nature Reserves Authority, backed by the lobbying power of the voluntary Society for Nature Protection, and today most large corporations such as the Israel Electric Corp., the national water company and a host of corporations in the private sector all have trained ecologists at the decision-making level in their organizations.

It therefore comes as a surprise to newcomers that the whole ecology-environment scene in Israel is actually a fledgling, and that all these gains have been made during the

past 15 years. Before then the only organizations that expressed much interest in the subject were Mekorot, the national water company, through its research projects centered around the Kinneret and the National Water Carrier; the then young Nature Reserves Authority, which had no actual mandate to operate in that field at all but did so because no one else seemed to care; and a few isolated academics, who were indeed a voice in the wilderness.

This doesn't mean that Israel didn't have pollution problems, even then. It just means that it took a long time for the wheels of officialdom to become convinced that those who pointed out the deterioration in environmental quality and who warned of impending crises were not a handful of crack-pot enthusiasts but were simply seeing things that most people wanted to ignore.

AT A TIME when most of Israel's rivers were already dying, when wells in the coastal plain were already being closed because of pol-

The case for a ministry

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

lution and when the cement factories were billowing out tons of unfiltered particulate matter, you could still, in the corridors of power, hear people saying that "pollution is an American problem, thank heavens we don't have it."

When The Jerusalem Post published a series of articles on pollution in the late 60s and early 70s, these were greeted with a barrage of denials from various sources. One leading official in the Ministry of Health, as late as 1970, said that if he ever had to permit or deny a poison licence on the basis of its effect on some "silly bird," then he

would resign. But he, like many other polluters who became converted, adapted to the changing scene and started considering even the silly birds.

The real impetus to the move for an ecologically oriented policy, however, came in 1969-70 with the publication of the long forgotten Davis Report on the Kinneret. Bob Davis, a South African engineer, surveyed the pollution problems in and around the lake and made the startling prediction that "if pollution continues at the present rate, then in 10 years the Kinneret will be a dead lake."

Of course, no one will ever know whether Davis was a true prophet or not, even though many have attempted to discredit his work. No one will ever know, because the entire scene has changed. Within a year of the issuing of the report a number of pollution prevention laws were enacted, the Kinneret Management Committee and their think-tank of experts came into being, research at the limnological laboratory got better funding, a dozen university and Technion based departments were working away at some of the major pollution problems in Israel and MK Yosef Tamir was appointed head of a Knesset Ecological Committee.

Shortly after this rush to the fore, the Environmental Protection Service, headed by Dr. Uri Marinov, was created, at that time under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office. The national water commissioner recommended and got new laws to protect water sources. Plants that polluted were told to either clean things up or close down. In general, Israel started to move in the direction of policy

oriented towards environmental quality.

It may well be that the overlapping authorities and the plethora of offices involved in the ecological scene today cause confusion, and there's little doubt that some important concerns more or less "fall between the two chairs." This is inevitable when there are too many cooks gathered around the pot.

IT IS for this reason that Professor Shoval, a veteran ecologist who has been active in environmental protection since its inception as a concept in Israel, has called for a Ministry of Environment. Shoval sees clearly that the ground-work having already been done, it is now time to unite efforts under the direction and the authority of one ministerial level office with the funds, the knowledge and the authority to give Israel the kind of environmental protection its citizens desire and deserve.

It would be worthwhile for the prime minister to interest himself directly in this situation. It is vital to remember that while most of the ef-

forts of the past 15 years have, in fact, been largely devoted to cleaning up the mess that had already been made, there has been little if any long-range planning for the future. This is a job for a ministry and not for isolated departments or services that do not have the authority to enforce many of the existing laws, let alone prepare legislation for the future.

And it is the future that is at stake. Not we, but our children and grandchildren will be forced to pay the price of our neglect of vital issues. Growing population, expanding industry and urban sprawl all require planning, both for the provision of energy by the safest and cleanest methods possible and for the disposal of toxic and dangerous waste.

Only a strong, central authority at the governmental level can handle a problem of these dimensions, and it is incumbent upon each of us to realize this and to demand this service of our legislators.

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MAY 22. The doctors' strike, in its 83rd day, intensifies. Doctors resign en masse from all hospitals, close their "alternative clinics" and depart, via "Code Belgium" according to pre-arranged plans. Buses have been chartered, expensive hotels booked up at all resorts. Computerized lists assign doctors to buses and rooms. Doctors received sealed envelopes with instructions and reservations. By the evening news, Israel Television shows us doctors splashing in the Kinneret, eating at the lakeside restaurants. Confused hospital patients, with nasal tubes, mumble their fears into the camera. The government deliberates over ordering the doctors back to work.

6:00 P.M. The temperature of Yehudit, our five-year-old daughter, shoots up to 40 degrees. She says her eyes hurt. We give her paracetamol and try to bring the fever down with cold compresses and body rubs.

10:00 P.M. The fever is down to 39.5. We call the Magen David Adom. They say there is no doctor in Tel Aviv's emergency medical system. Perhaps call back later. We experiment with tetracycline, 250 mg. Yehudit is able to swallow the capsule.

11:00 P.M. She complains that her heart is "bumping." We take her pulse: 124 beats per minute. We call Magen David again. They say perhaps between midnight and 2 a.m. a doctor may come in. We have no phone, no car. We wait.

1:00 A.M. She's asleep. Temperature down to 38.5, pulse down to 100. We call to cancel Magen David. They say the doctor has already tried to reach us, but couldn't find our street. We live in the Yeminite Quarter. We cancel the request. They tell us "thrive here." Be Healthy! Next morning, Yehudit has symp-

Victims of the strike

By KENNETH FREEMAN

toms of strep throat. Red, with patches of white, and swollen tonsils. The newspapers describe how nurses are now legally authorized to perform some of the physician's functions. The success of "Code Belgium" is described. Medical care, which for the past three months has barely existed, is now completely out of reach of the less

affluent, the subscribers to the sick-funds, Israel's pre-paid medical organizations.

Throughout the strike, the press, the government and the public has looked for atrocities to lay at the doctors' feet. If only cardiac patients were dying in the streets, or cancer patients suffering dramatically. These obvious and newsworthy events have been effectively prevented by the medical staffs that remained in hospitals during the three months of clinic closure. Now the hospitals themselves have been reduced to 10 per cent of physician strength. The papers again wait for the fatal heart attacks to add up. So does the government and the Health Ministry.

But 60 per cent of all first heart attacks are fatal anyway, before medical care is reached. The critical factor in heart attacks is having someone trained in cardiopulmonary-resuscitation nearby. The strike has little effect on cardiac mortality.

Can a medical system shut down in a semi-civilized country for three months? The papers speculate that diabetes patients and others with

chronic illnesses requiring monitoring and adjustment of medications have suffered. Certainly ambulatory mental patients, suddenly cut-off from medications, have suffered. Forced to regress to where they could obtain pills from hospitals. But is this the whole picture? Can Israeli society get off so lightly without doctors?

MAY 23. My wife returns from work at the medical school. She brings books from the library on strep infections. We find that tetracycline can help the symptoms of strep, but not prevent the risk of subsequent rheumatic heart disease.

Of all cases of strep throat not treated with penicillin, 3 per cent will later develop rheumatic fever. Others will get acute kidney disease. Of these, 10 to 30 per cent will have chronic kidney problems thereafter. At 4:00 p.m., I go to our Kupat Holim clinic and ask for a nurse.

"None here." Nevertheless I spot my regular nurse, and blurt out the story. She agrees to tell the pharmacist to give us penicillin. The pharmacist is negative and sarcastic. What kind of penicillin? How much? What dose? But I've brought along one of our public health books. Penicillin G, 250 mg., 4 times per day, for ten days. The pharmacist reluctantly gives it to the nurse. Kupat Holim pharmacists are conditioned to be negative. But the nurse understands: the doctors are splashing in the Kinneret, there's no medical care available, and I have the book, and know all the right words.

In the past three months, how many parents in Tel Aviv alone have had children with fever and sore throats, which got better after three to four days? How many subsequent cases of rheumatic fever, have developed as a result of the 3 per cent attack rate for children aged four to 14? Of these, how many have already suffered heart-valve damage?

When we were students at Johns Hopkins, our epidemiology professor had done a study on rheumatic fever in Baltimore, comparing black children in the Hopkins' clinic area with children without access to

comprehensive medical care. Because rheumatic fever, and rheumatic heart disease is totally preventable, if strep throats are treated with penicillin. He demonstrated the effects of poverty, of urban crowding, of not being a member of a clinic.

But how could you do this research here? Throat cultures for determining strep aren't done in Israel anyway. If a child has a fever and a sore throat, he's given penicillin for three to five days. Kupat Holim has a rule: medications cannot be given for longer than one week.

The public health profession has a rule also: penicillin therapy must continue for 10 days to prevent rheumatic fever. So with standard medical care before the strike, how can we demonstrate the effects of the strike?

BUT THIS we know: the strike's effects will not be measured by the number of heart attack victims who need not have died, nor by the excess in the number of cancer deaths that would have been expected without a strike. Heart and cancer deaths are arguable; they occur with or without doctors.

Instead, it's the totally preventable medical complications of childhood disease, the rheumatic hearts and damaged kidneys resulting from untreated strep throats; the brains damaged by fever and dehydration; the children (who complain the least) who can't

crash into a Kupat Holim sick line, who were, in many cases, receiving sub-standard care before the strike, and who, since the strike, have not seen a doctor for three months; the children of immigrants, of the poor, of those who couldn't buy private medical care — the children who had sore throats and fevers for three to four days and then got "better anyway" — and who developed kidney damage 10 days later, or heart damage two to three weeks later; these are the victims of the strike.

Had the doctors felt so strongly about their salaries as to go on hunger strikes, to deny themselves food, we might have understood. But using our children — some of whom may be crippled for life — as their tool for getting the highest salaries in the land — this was not forgivable.

When they return from their luxury rooms in Eilat and Tiberias, they will not escape by saying "no one died because of the strike." Because from those children with damaged hearts and kidneys, the 3 per cent of all Israeli kids who got strep throats in the last three months, some will die.

And this is how us parents will remember the strike: rheumatic heart disease was totally preventable, and the strike of the doctors was totally unforgivable.

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negotiating parties, and not the needs of the system.

THE FACT that interest groups take precedence over real needs can be disturbing.

Now many CAT scanners — which are to x-rays what an atomic bomb is to a hand grenade — do we really need in Israel? Nobody really knows, but we do know that every hospital wants at least one of these terribly expensive (and life-saving) instruments. Perhaps, Gafni suggests, several hospitals should get together, buy one between themselves, and make sure it runs 24 hours a day, and not only in one shift. This would exploit it to the utmost, and the patients would benefit

not only from better medical diagnosis, but also from cheaper costs.

Or how many cardiology institutes are needed in greater Tel Aviv? Nobody knows, because nobody has really looked into this problem in a scientific manner. All we know is that every hospital wants its own institute, its own intensive care unit. Perhaps this is good for the doctors, who want to feel that they are just as well-equipped as the next hospital. But is it good for the systems? Perhaps it is only a waste of manpower and money just to satisfy the whims of the medical profession.

Some other shortcomings in the system are obvious. Many

registered nurses have the skills to relieve much of the doctors of their workload, giving them more time to devote to serious ailments. Any competent registered nurse can diagnose a case of influenza, and initiate treatment. And most of these nurses are perfectly capable of self-defining the limits of their skills, and they know when to refer an influenza patient to a doctor if complications seem likely.

"And it is much cheaper to train a registered nurse than a doctor. Sometimes it appears that the doctors are so jealous of their sole prerogative to treat patients that they prefer to be overworked, and neglect real patients, rather than to

relinquish some of their rights to the nurses."

TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS of public medicine which don't talk to each other exist side by side in Israel, wasting considerable funds. The lower system is the clinics where a patient is examined, expensive tests are done, and a diagnosis is made. But if the case is complicated, the patient is referred with a tentative diagnosis to a hospital, where the entire testing procedure is repeated. The hospital physician not only doesn't trust the medical judgement of his counterpart in the clinic; he is also leery in many cases of accepting the tests made by this clinic.

One possible solution is for all doctors to be affiliated to a hospital, and be considered as hospital staff. This would save both time and money, raise the standards of the clinic doctors, and give them the satisfaction of calling themselves a "hospital doctor," with the main beneficiary being the patient.

If we have so many more doctors than other countries, why are there such long waiting periods in the emergency admission wards?

There can be several answers. Perhaps the clinics fail to function properly, sending unnecessary patients to the hospitals. Perhaps the patients don't trust their clinic doctor. Perhaps there is really a shortage of doctors in the hospitals. Perhaps most doctors want to work in hospitals, not in the clinics, and thus they work to create artificial waiting periods. They can point to these self-created pressures (only another doctor can honestly diagnose the situation), and to relieve these pressures, the doctors can demand that more doctors be employed, that funds be found to enlarge the hospitals.

But what seems certain, Dr. Gafni says, is that all "too many" Israeli patients must take the doctor offered them in the clinic, since no other doctor may be available. They are not allowed to go to a different doctor in a different clinic. So they prefer to run to the emergency wards.

One solution he sees is to allow the patient to choose his own doctor (as he does in Canada). But this also creates a problem.

There are two main methods of paying clinic doctors. One system is by the "number of patients" which

register with him, which convinces some doctors to seek as many patients as possible, while not giving any of them the proper attention. On the other hand, the doctor can be paid by each patient visit, and this may convince many doctors to see a patient with influenza not once, but four times. Perhaps the solution, Gafni says, is a combination of both systems.

AND THEN there is also the viewpoint of the patient. If he pays a monthly sum, which is deducted "painlessly" at source, he will see his doctor much more often (twice as much as in Canada, as noted).

Will charging the patient a small sum reduce the number of patient-doctor visits?

"Yes and no. What may happen is that many patients who don't need to see a doctor will pay the fee with a smile, and many patients with real complaints will stay away.

"And, moreover, very few patients, sick or not sick, can tell the difference. As a matter of fact, a lot of doctors after examining a patient can't tell the difference. And to further complicate matters, many doctors fail to agree with the diagnosis of their colleagues. If the doctors can't decide, how can the patient?"

Dr. Gafni proposes a partial solution — better patient education. Patients should be educated first and foremost to recognize a good doctor by his skills, not by his smile. (Although a smile can heal too.)

Moreover, he would like to see "monetary incentives" given to those patients who take care of themselves. "Give the patients who give up smoking a rebate. Also give it to those who insist on annual or semi-annual check-ups for such things as high blood pressure, and when it is found, religiously take treatment. Giving such an incentive will prevent expensive complications, and even in the short run it is a money-saving investment."

But in the final analysis, the patient should be taught to take care of himself to the best of his ability. "After all, it is his health which is at stake." And more than this, it is up to all patients to insist that the entire medical system be rigorously examined and researched. For without such an undertaking, we are talking about possible scenarios which don't get you well.

ARE THE medical services in Israel sick?

No one really knows, for nobody has ever made a thorough examination of the entire patient. True, here and there, some minor examinations of fleetly aches and pains, severe as they have been, have been made. But they have fallen far short of providing sound diagnosis. The patient may be terribly sick, or he may be exceptionally healthy. Most likely, his condition is somewhere in between. But until we run a series of exhaustive tests, until we sit down to carefully consider the results, at best we are only making educated guesses. The speaker is Dr. Amiram Gafni, an economist who is part of a team examining various aspects of setting up a health administration section at Tel Aviv University.

An this scientific examination is urgently needed. Health is Big Business. In the U.S. it is the nation's second largest employer. It takes 10.5 per cent of the Gross National Product. In Israel, the figure is probably closer to 7.2 per cent of the GNP — but this is still a huge amount. And when you are dealing with sums like this, what seems like a trifling matter can mean that the taxpayer is called upon to pay more, untold millions of dollars, for something which has very little benefit.

The problem is further complicated since the patient himself is a living thing, and all living things change. The tools and methods needed to treat him are also constantly being improved. Those delivering the medical services are also constantly changing. The entire situation is in a state of flux and will remain so as long as mankind develops. This means we may never provide the perfect formula; but this doesn't mean we shouldn't try, Gafni maintains.

BUT EVEN WITHOUT a thorough examination, Dr. Gafni notes, it is possible to make some general observations just by looking at the patient. These observations, he adds, are only working rules of the thumb which must be amended continuously in the light of incoming scientific evidence.

His first observation is that Israelis are just as well — or at least no sicker from a medical point of view — than people in any other Western country whose emphasis is

on industrialization." At one time it was thought that the large number of concentration camp survivors in Israel made the over-all health picture gloomy. "But most of these persons had enormous physical stamina, otherwise they would have perished in the camps. And the years which have passed have helped them further to recover their health. Another contention is that many immigrants from backward countries were suffering from a variety of complaints. But these have also been treated, and few of this type of person is arriving in Israel at present.

"All in all," he says, "Israelis are a pretty healthy lot."

His second observation is that since there is no scientific data on the health delivery services in Israel, the only way to reach some approximation of the situation is to "make a comparison with a foreign country where such facts as life expectancy, the general health situation, and the medical delivery services are roughly the same."

This could be Holland, which has 138 doctors for each 100,000 persons. It could be England which has 140 doctors per 100,000; or it could be Canada which has 155 per 100,000. (These are the last comparative statistics available.)

Gafni prefers Canada, since he spent two years there studying the situation. He notes that if Canada can get along with 155 doctors per 100,000, why does Israel need 260 — "with everybody complaining of long queues to see the doctor?" The answer is obvious. If Israel has approximately 60 per cent more doctors than Canada, in Israel twice as many patients see a doctor each year than in Canada.

What created this situation? Israelis are no sicker than Canadians.

The reason may be due to the preservation of certain traditions, such as Jews liking to be doctors, and the inability to control the amount of doctors due to such factors as the Law of Return. The results have created a sort of "cumbersome, unwieldy setup" which is hard to change. And when it does change, it is generally due to the influence of pressure groups. While negotiations between these groups lead to changes, Gafni points out that the changes are based on the interests of the

WHEN Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Velotes came before a congressional subcommittee, on Tuesday, he presented the administration's position on all of the crucial issues in the Middle East. The subject at hand was President Ronald Reagan's recommended foreign aid bill, now pending before Congress.

Velotes, the State Department's top Middle East expert, spent more than two hours answering some very tough questions posed by members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, chaired by Democrat Clarence Long of Maryland. That committee is responsible for appropriating foreign aid. Velotes was accompanied by a senior Pentagon official as well as the ranking Middle East expert at the U.S. government's Agency for International Development.

"We are actively pursuing a just and lasting Middle East peace," said Velotes in his carefully drafted prepared statement.

"Our policy flows from the President's initiative of last September, which is based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the Camp David framework. Our goal remains the resumption of negotiations which will include a Jordanian delegation, hopefully with representative Palestinian participation. Those negotiations should result, first, in the establishment of a transitional regime on the West Bank and Gaza, and then in an agreement on the final status of those negotiations."

DEFENDING the administration's request for nearly \$2.5b. in various forms of economic and military grants and loans for Israel, Velotes said: "Support for Israel's security and economic well-being has been a constant theme of American foreign policy for the past 34 years. As we implement and expand the process of peace, Israel requires tangible evidence that the U.S. commitment to this process in no way reduces our commitment to Israel's continued security."

He continued: "We must ensure

Changing mood in Washington

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

that Israel maintains its technological edge in military capability in the region. At the same time, we recognize that a strong economy is an essential foundation to Israel's security. Hence, the proposed \$2.485b. military and economic assistance package for Israel in the 1984 fiscal year continues to be our largest bilateral aid program."

Velotes noted that the administration was proposing — for the first time — that the entire \$785m. in economic assistance slated for Israel be in the form of an outright grant. In recent years, the administration had always asked that that sum be divided into both grants as well as loans. Congress consistently rejected these recommendations, making the entire sum a grant. The administration clearly learned the lesson.

"This programme provides funds on a cash transfer basis to support Israel's balance of payments," Velotes said. "Thus, Israel can import essential civilian goods and services without overly heavy reliance on high-cost commercial borrowing, or drawing down foreign exchange reserves."

BUT IN ADVANCE of Velotes' testimony, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had increased the grant economic assistance level for Israel to \$910m. And the House Foreign Affairs Committee had moved to split the \$1.7b. in proposed military assistance for Israel equally into loans and grants — \$500m. in each category, as op-

posed to the administration's \$550m. in grants and \$1,150b. in loans.

Recognizing that the Congress once again was likely to improve the package for Israel, Velotes arrived at the hearing with a formal statement expressing the administration's support for these increases — provided that Congress also improved the Egyptian package somewhat. For the administration, this simultaneous improvement was symbolically and politically significant.

Thus, Egypt once again stands to gain financially from Israel's deep reservoir of support on Capitol Hill. Egypt receives nearly \$2.5b. in various forms of U.S. aid — money that would never have even been considered for Egypt, had it not signed a peace treaty with Israel. Not very many members, moreover, would vote for that sum if Egypt were to break the treaty.

What was clearly impressive was the administration's dramatic departure from last year's very active opposition to any congressional improvements for Israel. In recent weeks, as U.S.-Israeli relations have improved, the White House and the State Department have moved from a position of "not opposing" more money for Israel to one of supporting those increases, provided that Egypt also receive a piece of the action.

The bottom line for Israel, of course, is that with the administration's blessings, the additional money is almost certain of winning passage during the still very lengthy and complicated legislative process in the weeks and even months ahead.

Given Israel's economic problems, that extra money should come in handy.

WHAT WAS ALSO impressive during the hearing was the extraordinary outpouring of support expressed for Israel by several members. At the same time, these lawmakers lashed out against the Arabs, accusing them of standing in the way of peace, first in Lebanon and then in the broader peace process. Velotes had to concede in frustration that the Arabs were not doing "very damn much at this point" to promote peace.

Even some members who are not especially known as great supporters of Israel — like Democrat David Obey of Wisconsin — spoke out in support of Israel and against the Arabs. Only a few years ago, Obey had led an initiative in Congress to cut aid to Israel. That effort had failed. Now, he sounded very much like a champion of Israel as he condemned Jordan's King Hussein and the PLO's Yasser Arafat for refusing to support peace.

Several other members, including Chairman Long, complained about Egypt's refusal to return its ambassador to Tel Aviv. Velotes conceded that the administration had raised this matter with president Hosni Mubarak.

Last week, Secretary of State George Shultz told Congress that the U.S. anticipated an early return of the Egyptian envoy. The congressmen, including Democrats Mathew McHugh of New York and Sidney Yates of Illinois, expressed their deep frustration with the overall Egyptian stance.

In the process, Long badgered Velotes and the other administration witnesses about the alleged inefficiency in the U.S. economic assistance programme for Egypt. An Egyptian embassy diplomat, sitting silently in the room, was obviously irritated by the heavy abuse his government suffered during the hearing. He was seen, however, busily scribbling notes. He presumably sent a cable to Cairo describing the mood of the hearing.

ANOTHER COUNTRY that was deeply criticized was Saudi Arabia, especially because of its willingness to take a more forceful role in promoting the U.S. peace process in Lebanon and on the West Bank. In Congress, there are still many deep scars left over from the 1981 Saudi AWACS battle. At that time, the Reagan Administration, in pushing

for the sale, had assured members that the Saudis would play a "constructive" role. But most of these senators and congressmen — as well as administration officials themselves in private — have been very disappointed by Saudi behaviour since then.

Reflecting this angry mood, Democratic Representative Charles Wilson of Texas complained that the Saudis wanted American military protection, but only "over the horizon." That meant that American troops could not be seen

in the desert kingdom. "There's got to be a limit," he said. "They're not willing to take any chances at all."

It was only a few months ago that Max Frankel, the very influential editorial page editor of *The New York Times* wrote a controversial series of articles, one of which quoted leaders in Israel as having proposed to him that the U.S. cut its aid package for Israel in order to weaken domestic Israeli support for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's coalition government. At that time, Frankel told me that those opposi-

tion leaders came from the highest echelons of the Labour Alignment, although he steadfastly refused to name names.

Since then, it has become obvious that neither the executive nor the legislative branch of the U.S. government has any intention of following that advice. In fact, Washington's warm reception of Begin during a forthcoming visit to the U.S. this summer probably will even further bolster Begin's political standing in the face of domestic problems back home.

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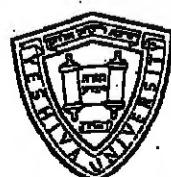
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WOMEN'S only chance is politics. Almost every decision is related to politics, directly or indirectly. Women must make themselves heard in the government, in the Knesset, in the municipalities."

Liana Cheknobroda, the only woman member of the Haifa city council, and the only one in city management, practices what she preaches.

Mother of three and a full-time counsellor at the Basmat technical high school, she is dedicating her tenure to promoting so-called "women's issues."

In 1978, Cheknobroda established the first official municipal "committee" — composed of volunteers, cutting across party lines (she's affiliated with the Alignment), and including representatives of women's organizations — dedicated exclusively to such projects.

"We came to the mayor and said, 'We're not here to do things for you, but to demand what is coming to us,'" she recalls.

The plans for the committee were ambitious: to carry out at the municipal level the recommendations of the Committee on the Status of Women (the Committee, set up by the Prime Minister's Office, issued its recommendations in 1978), and to serve as a model for an authority on the status of women — "the type of authority which should exist in every local authority, every government office, and every large enterprise."

In practical terms, what has been done? Action in Haifa has ranged from instituting longer school days in areas where parents are willing to support the effort, to launching an ambitious fund-raising campaign in Israel and abroad for the establishment of a special Women's Centre which will provide a wide range of consultation services — psychological, educational, family planning, employment.

Meanwhile, special programmes and courses are being organized to promote greater awareness among women of the issues at stake.

"And here we encountered a problem I've so often run into before: The counsellors who run these courses must be trained to present the integral issues as defined by women."

"Let me give you a radical example," Cheknobroda says. "A marriage counsellor I know — a man who I can say is truly a liberal, kind person in his general views when a battered wife would come to him, his first question was: 'Are you a good cook?' So we set out to establish another 'first': a special course, at the University of Haifa, to train counsellors for status-of-women programmes."

The response, she adds, was amazing. "We had room for 25 women, and 75 applied. This project

also received substantial support from Zohar Karti, head of the status of women division at the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare."

CHEKNOBRODA'S municipal committee is also trying to encourage women to join the technological revolution — starting at the intermediate school level, where students are advised by vocational counsellors, and focusing primarily on high schools, where girls are usually encouraged to enter the "pink collar" professions. A special programme has been worked out for school counsellors with the aim of changing this traditional orientation.

"For some reason, many women believe that the municipal level deals with issues that are remote from them such as sewage, road maintenance, etc. But the opposite is true. Seventy to 80 per cent of the municipality budget is dedicated to matters of education and social welfare," Cheknobroda points out. "These are areas that are supposed to be our 'specialty.' Yet men are the decision-makers."

"I don't believe that men naturally oppose women," she declares, "but women must be present where their voices can be heard. It's only natural that every pressure group tries to weaken another group's position so that its own interests can receive more attention."

She describes what happens, in this context, in the construction of a party list for elections.

"Women are just one of many minority groups that must be taken into account. And they are considered a category unto themselves. Thus, if there is a safe place

reserved for what are known as *edot* (a euphemism for the Sephardi community), the younger leadership, academics, or the Arab sector, a woman is eliminated from candidacy for any of these, even though she may well be — and often is — an academic, young, etc., as well."

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Women in Politics I

Low-down on the local level

Municipal elections are to be held throughout the country this fall. With this in mind, Rena Kronenthal looks at the participation — or lack thereof — of women in local politics.

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sociated with political positions. For a woman, these are the very things that are considered 'unfeminine.' A woman must have more confidence in her own self-image."

"WOMEN, more than men, are afraid of speaking in public," according to a booklet entitled "The Other Possibility" which was put out by the Young Leadership Department of Na'amat, Israel's largest women's organization.

"At political discussion groups where women are the participants, the intellectual level consistently impresses me, yet many of these same women sit silently when it comes to a mixed group," says Daphna Shariman, chairwoman of the department and a Labour Party activist.

The recently reorganized department views achieving its goals as a two-stage process: organizing workshops to institute greater awareness of the political scene, and identifying and encouraging potential activists.

With Na'amat comprised of representatives from all the political parties (although the Alignment is in the majority), it can "navigate" such future activists in the direction most in keeping with their convictions.

"Women must help women," was a theme we heard emphasized by every woman politician, and Shariman considers this "networking" invaluable. She feels, too, that her own political baptism was made all that much smoother through such assistance.

Today, as a member of the Labour Party's bureau of young leadership and chairwoman of the civil liberties and women's rights committee of the Young Guard, she is in a position to assist others.

Within the political framework, Shariman notes, there are so many different activities that every woman can find a niche to match her personal interests. Yet, at the same time, she emphasizes, every woman in politics must also promote the advancement of other women.

However, at present, "a position sometimes opens where we could place a woman but don't have someone to recommend simply because not enough women are ready to get involved."

From her own personal experience, Shariman feels that, "Once a woman is willing to come to every meeting (and) participate actively in all issues, she will soon find that she is regarded as a 'person' and not a 'woman.'" The combined force of personal influence and political pressure provided by a large organization such as Na'amat can, she believes, provide a means to widening circles of women's "presence."

Na'AMAT's structure itself serves as a workshop for potential political activists, according to Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of the organization. Dozens of branches throughout the country headed by elected, paid staff members, supervise and coordinate a broad variety of social, cultural and educational activities.

Because local and national authorities are often also involved

in these programmes, the branch activists learn the ropes and the system first-hand. Also, being involved in the political structure of the organization teaches one about the interaction and give-and-take that are a part of the political process. Today's Alignment women representatives in the Knesset, for example, have all been actively involved in Na'amat.

The atmosphere at Na'amat where women encourage each other, and find a common language through friendship and ideological identification, give them the confidence and experience to plunge into the colder waters of the political scene.

On the other hand, Na'amat views its political activism as just one of its major goals. "This is a social movement," Lubelsky emphasizes, "whose decision-making relates to the goals of society and the nation. We do not function on the basis of electoral motivation. We do not want to be a single-interest group."

Thus, the movement encourages activism on many fronts. Regarding politics, Lubelsky says she believes in encouraging the positive, and she abhors extremism. "We as women must emphasize what we can contribute," she stresses.

LOCAL authorities are certainly one area where women can contribute and should be heard. Yet, no woman is mayor of an Israeli city, and women are sparsely represented on municipal councils and management. In fact, women seem to focus their public activities on the levels of the school board and the community centre.

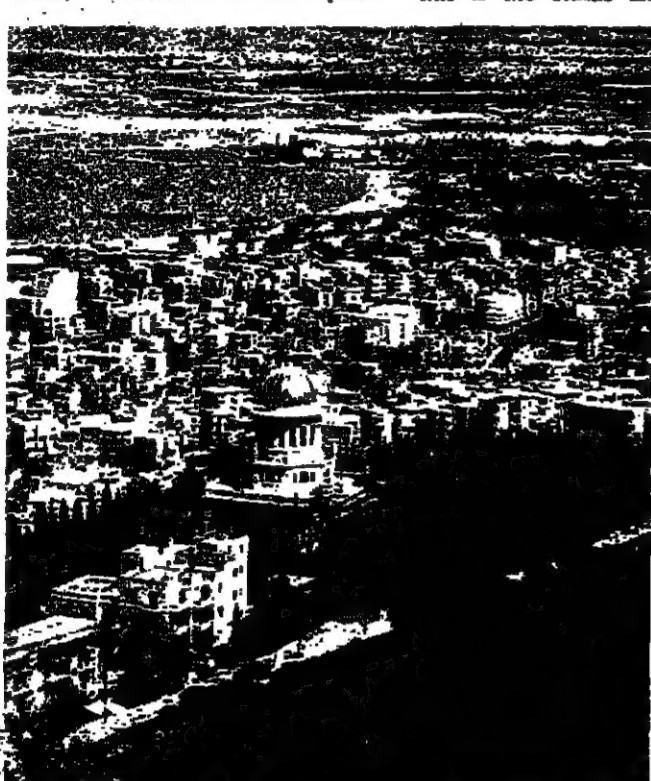
MK Shevah Weiss, who has written extensively on women in politics, attributes this partly to the particular development of Israeli politics, with its early emphasis on national priorities.

With the establishment of a Jewish society, he notes, political activism was at first a volunteer activity viewed as a "mission" (*ishlulim*). This term had two meanings — ideological and concrete — for it often meant a position that involved being far from home. Whereas women were able to meet the first criteria, the second was, as it is today, a serious problem.

Local politics in this scenario were given secondary importance, and were not considered a venue for the talented and dedicated.

But the expansion of the state, and the growing decision-making function of local authorities now make it imperative for women to make their presence felt in their towns and cities.

Next Wednesday on the "Today" page: Women's part in national politics.



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THE LOBBY looks like something out of *Better Homes and Gardens*. The decor reminds one of a five-star hotel with wall-to-wall carpeting, arm chairs in white leather and chrome, attractive curtains, wallpaper in contrasting shades, etc.

But the setting of Jerusalem's recently opened Kupat Holim rehabilitation centre does not disguise the serious purpose of the site: to teach functional independence to impaired persons.

The Rehabilitation Day-Care Unit is located in the basement of the Kupat Holim medical centre in East Talpiot. Some 25 patients get treatment there from a multiple-disciplinary staff including physio-

occupational and speech therapists, and a social worker who works part-time, plus a full-time nurse and rehabilitation doctor.

Although Kupat Holim established and administers the centre, it has two partners sharing maintenance costs — the Jerusalem Municipality and the Ministry of Health.

Thus, even candidates who do not belong to Kupat Holim can be accepted if they meet the following criteria: They must be mobile enough to travel, motivated to improve, and lucid enough to co-operate and make contact with the staff. Each patient, moreover, must have rehabilitation potential and be

in need of at least two of the centre's several services.

For example, Moshe, a former policeman who suffered a stroke several years ago, arrived at the centre in a wheelchair, apparently unable to speak or understand even simple instructions. After intensive daily exercises conducted by the physiotherapist, occupational and speech therapists, he soon began to regain his lost motor and comprehension skills.

The Centre's social worker, moreover, helped Moshe and his family cope with the bouts of depression that accompanied his recuperation. After only six weeks, Moshe was able to function with very little outside help, and to think about returning to an office job.

The new, freshly decorated "work" rooms at the rehabilitation centre are just as beautifully equipped as the deluxe reception room, if not more utilitarian. The physiotherapy room has wall-ladders, slings, pressure arms, parallel bars — everything found in a hospital rehabilitation ward.

The occupational therapist's room has looms, carpentry tables, basket work and fine craft materials, and work tables. Across the hall there is a completely equipped modern kitchen for ADL (Activities of Daily Life), where people on the mend learn how to cook and cut vegetables again.

There is also a bathroom with special equipment to teach the handicapped patients how to get into and out of bathtubs or showers, and how to wash and groom themselves so as to regain maximum independence.

"By accepting patients after strokes or accidents, or with debilitating chronic diseases such as Parkinson, the centre actually prevents long hospitalization," says one member of the staff. "The patients return more quickly to the

Daily cares

Leah Abramovitz visits an unusual rehabilitation centre.

community and to their natural place in the family setting."

The patients gladly come to the Rehabilitation Unit even though it requires much effort. They work hard from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and are transported to and from the centre where they receive hot lunches.

The patients pay a reasonable fee per day for the centre's services. Those who cannot afford this expense receive up to 80 per cent of it from the Department of Social Welfare. Most patients go to the centre three to five days a week, according to their personal rehabilitation plan.

The centre's staff encourages group participation and social in-

teraction. The patients, for instance, all eat together at round, colourful tables. During the rest period, there are table games and a TV in the reception room to be shared. Also, the speech and occupational therapists conduct some therapy in a group forum.

The families of patients are brought into the rehabilitation programme, too. Periodically, spouses and children of the patients are invited to the centre for their own group-support sessions. This meeting is also used as a training session whereby the family members become partners in treatment and can help patients carry on valuable exercises at home. They are also encouraged to share their frustrations, mixed emotions and problems with others.

At one recent meeting of patients' families, two wives expressed the shame they felt at having a crippled husband. Another woman described how difficult she found the role-reversal thrust upon her. Until her husband became partially paralyzed, he did all the shopping, and errands, she explained. Suddenly, she had to pay bills, run to the bank and be the "dominant" member of the family, and she didn't like it.

One man needed advice on just how much he should help his wife

get dressed in the morning. A few people indulged in self-pity, and shed a few tears. But, the overall understanding, accepting atmosphere proved to be a balm to them all, and they eagerly expressed interest in another meeting.

Staff members also find the need to meet, to plan and talk out their own difficulties. In weekly meetings attended by everyone working at the centre, administrative difficulties are ironed out, and each patient's rehabilitation plan is

reviewed jointly.

There is a high degree of interaction and co-ordination among the therapists and medical personnel at the centre, and a high regard for each other's professional skills.

"We have an excellent social worker," one says proudly. "Our doctor has eight years of experience in rehabilitation. We're lucky to have such a specialist here."

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Fund tops the IS2m. mark

Jerusalem Post Reporter

IT TOOK a little longer than expected, but the "Forsake Me Not" fund has finally passed the IS2m. mark, and with the current crop of contributions amounting to IS127,898, it now totals IS2,043,850.19.

"Although this is the highest figure ever attained in the three successive 'Forsake Me Not' campaigns conducted by The Jerusalem Post, the purchase value of the money is diminishing daily in the face of rising costs for services and equipment for which this money is designated. The current campaign will conclude just before Rosh Hashana, by which time it is hoped that at least IS3m. will have been contributed.

SKr.5,000 L.G. Heron, Stockholm, Sweden
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IS5,000 Grete Weisler and Lotte Liechtenstein, Haifa.

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THE MELODRAMATIC opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, *Ruddigore* or *The Witch's Curse*, was put on by the Light Opera Group of the Negev in Beersheba and in Omer during Purim. The nine stars and their 20-odd comets glowed with high spirits and infected the audience with joy. Now, after a brief interlude (during which some of the cast of doctors and teachers have been on strike and some others on army reserve duty), the group is back in action.

Sharon Tel-Oren, the Jerusalem flautist who moved to Omer several years ago and is the producer of the show (as well as one of the stars) told *The Jerusalem Post* that, when the group started rehearsing the production over a year ago, there

Ruddigore returns

By LIOA MORIEL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

was no budget and no pianist and no director and no conductor. But "little by little things began to turn out" and people came to help.

Not everyone helped: the Beersheba Theatre, for example, reneged on its promise to loan some of its costumes. By the time the company bought material, Zilberman, the deputy mayor of Beersheba, had persuaded the theatre to relent. It was no longer necessary: the company had made their own costumes.

A succession of pianists came and went, until Russian-born Anglophile Shmuel Mindel turned up and stayed happily ever after. J. Kawarsky, a new immigrant, was found at WUJS in Arad, and brought a couple of singing friends with him. A kibbutznik, Tamara Vardin-Mutal of nearby Hazerim, became the director, and a hospital administrator, Oded Susskind, the choreographer. The show was ready to go on.

supported to some extent by The Toy Fund. If the government continues to cut back on social welfare expenditure, these institutions will have to rely on other sources for funding. The alternative is to close them down, and this would mean that hundreds of children would be virtually turned into the streets. If government resources are inadequate, the public must help via The Toy Fund and other vehicles of support.

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Watching Syria

EVER SINCE October 1973 intelligence estimates attaching a low probability to the outbreak of war in the Middle East have tended to be taken with a large grain of salt. This would be especially so at a time marked by the massing of Syrian ground troops, aerial incidents and actual forecasts of war.

The reports from Lebanon yesterday were that Syria was strengthening its armed forces there and that Israel was on the alert. Two days ago an Israeli aircraft on a reconnaissance mission over Lebanon was fired upon by Syrian planes in what was described by the IDF spokesman as a flagrant breach of the cease-fire. Two days earlier Syrian President Hafez Assad was quoted by a Beirut weekly as having predicted a new war with Israel, in which Syria would lose some 20,000 men and suffer heavy economic damage.

Such a war, if it comes, would be of Syria's own making. Since Hafez Assad apparently does not expect Syria to win it, at least not militarily, it is somewhat puzzling that he should take its likelihood with such equanimity.

This is all the more puzzling because Lebanon is said ready to offer Syria far more generous terms, both political and economic, than those granted to Israel in return for Syria's going along with the Lebanese-Israeli agreement. This might be distasteful to Israel but, on balance, it should work to Syria's advantage. Yet Syria remains obdurate: the abrogation of the Lebanese-Israeli agreement is set as an ultimative condition for any talks on the withdrawal of Syrian (and PLO) troops from Lebanon.

On the face of it, Syria will not settle for anything less, even if the result is war with Israel.

There are, however, those, notably in Washington, who believe that Syria will in fact settle for less, without war. Syria's chances of forming a wide Arab alliance to back up its policy of intransigence are rather slim. The Soviets, for their part, are said to be impressed with Syria's current isolation, and while they may have an interest in keeping the situation unsettled, they will not encourage an all-out war by their ally.

One possibility, widely discussed, is that the Syrians would confine themselves to a war of attrition, perhaps by unleashing their own PLO proteges against the IDF. But Israel has already given ample warning that any Syrian-initiated war of attrition would not stay limited.

Perhaps, then, Hafez Assad's sabre rattling is only that — an attempt to scare everyone into rushing to make maximum concessions to Syria so that war should not, in fact, break out. But even if this benign interpretation of Syrian motives is the correct one, Israel must keep its powder dry.

The fission party

THE COALITION'S cup runneth over. Already racked by internal feuds and dissensions, the coalition is now bidden to make room for a breakaway Liberal faction of five, centring on Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Moda'i's faction is not planning to actually bolt the Liberal Party, but it wants the privilege of acting like a separate component of the Likud — just like Herut, or La'am, or for that matter the Liberals themselves. Prime Minister Begin, in his capacity as Likud leader, is being asked to give his blessing to this peculiar arrangement. No matter what Mr. Begin's decision is, it will alienate some Liberals.

It is not entirely clear what has made Mr. Moda'i turn against the majority of his Liberal colleagues. Mr. Moda'i's own published reasons have to do with charges of unethical practices involving efforts by some unnamed financial interests to buy the votes of party activists in party forums.

Ideology has never been the Liberals' forte. The name of the Liberal game has been jostling for position, and the party's speciality, the pursuit of narrow interest. Yet, paradoxically, the Liberal split could now bring about a veritable ideological renaissance within the divided party. The various Liberal factions, anxious to cloak their naked interests with ideological respectability, might start competing among themselves in sponsoring abandoned bits of the Liberal legislative plank.

Thus it would not be surprising if the coalition were now pressed to pass bills for a second TV channel, a national health scheme, an end to rent control, or mediation in labour disputes. Most energetic in pushing for such new legislation is likely to be the Moda'i faction, whatever its precise status.

This would increase the turmoil within the coalition, and tend to upset the delicate balance that has ensured its survival so far. From now on, Likud whips would have to woo the Moda'i faction before every crucial Knesset vote. The faction would join Agudat Yisrael, the NRP and Tami in acting as a drag on the coalition. This would indeed make Mr. Begin's life more difficult.

The edge of brinkmanship

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IT WAS NOT comforting to watch a senior personality in the defence establishment play compulsively with worry beads over coffee late Wednesday evening.

There is genuine confusion over whether the Syrians actually want a war or not; how far they are prepared to go in the pursuit of a policy of brinkmanship to cripple the Israel-Lebanese agreement. It seems highly illogical that President Hafez Assad would want a full-scale war with Israel right now. Not when he is so isolated in the Arab world, and Israel solidly supported by the U.S. and world opinion. But all the signs that Assad is actually prepared to go to war are there.

He has been shuffling his army around like pawns on a chess board. Large-scale exercises have taken place on the Golan almost incessantly since the agreement was signed. According to American intelligence sources, there has been a call-up of reserves, and civilian populations have been put through war alerts. His jets have tried to shoot down an Israeli aircraft on a reconnaissance mission over Lebanon, and there has been a steady escalation in the number and nature of exchanges on the ground.

Reinforcements have been brought to both the Golan and Lebanon, and Soviet advisers are playing a more active role than ever before in coordinating the main body of the Syrian military. New facilities have been granted to the Soviet navy, and the supply of weapons and material into Syria has been constant.

Units have been retrained to incorporate some of the lessons of the Lebanon war, and the country's anti-aircraft defences have been upgraded and redeployed.

Thus while logic indicates that a war is not likely, the facts on the ground indicate otherwise. Therefore the uncertainty in the Israeli defence establishment.

THE SITUATION is not simple. As Syria moves, Israel watches and reacts. There is no room for error, and Israeli military planners have to assume the worst if they are not to be taken by surprise. Each Syrian move necessitates a counter-move by Israel, and this in turn a Syrian reaction. A case in point was Wednesday's incident, in which two air-to-air missiles were fired at Israeli reconnaissance aircraft.

Israeli planes were obviously overflying Syrian-controlled territory in order to get as much information about Syrian troop movements and military activity as possible. The Syrians, obviously, want to protect that information.

The decision to try to down the Israeli aircraft probably was not taken by Assad personally. There would not have been time. But the set itself indicates that the Syrian president has given instructions to adopt an active defence policy, even if this could mean escalating the conflict. In other words, he is not afraid of an exchange of fire with the Israelis, even though this could lead to something bigger than a local incident.

The Bekaa Valley is like a bomb waiting to explode. Sonic booms and the rumble of tank-treads are always in the background. Forces on both sides of the *de facto* cease-fire line are keeping their eyes open.

There are many fingers on the trigger: factions within factions of the PLO, divided in loyalty to Arafat and Assad; Iranian volunteers and their Lebanese Shiite allies; the Druse; and almost 40,000 Syrians. Each of these armies is guided by a different hand, sometimes acting in tandem, often pursuing an independent ideology, and thus a different political goal.

AT PRESENT, Assad is calling the shots. Israel stated explicitly, both formally and informally, that it does not want a war; that it wants the agreement with Lebanon to go

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through, and that it wants to get out of Lebanon as soon as possible. Assad knows that Israel is being very careful not to allow the tension to escalate into war. A clear indication is that the Israeli aircraft attacked on Wednesday made no attempt to return the fire or engage in a dog-fight.

While the decision not to do so was taken by the pilot, he was presumably acting on strict instructions from those who briefed him before the flight, who themselves were acting on the policy guidelines sent down by the chief of staff and minister of defence. There is one imponderable facing Assad, however: how far can Israel be pushed before it decides not to play by the rules?

When Assad's troop build-up starts costing too many days of IDF reserve duty; when his missiles get too close to actually downing a jet or a helicopter; if the

IDF casualty rate along the cease-fire line mounts; and if Israel begins to believe that there is no way Assad will withdraw from Lebanon without a military confrontation — then one can assume that Israel will grasp the initiative.

There are two things Assad can count on as certain: first, there will be no war of attrition in Lebanon and/or on the Golan; and second, Israel is not going to be taken by surprise, and will pre-empt if defence analysts here conclude that war is certain.

THE BUBBLE has to burst soon, because the situation is fast reaching a point of no return. If Assad does not step down soon, it may be too late. And both sides may be faced with a war that neither wanted, but was unable to prevent.

The question is no longer only whether Assad is planning a war or not, but how long Israel will tolerate

having facts dictated by the Syrians before it reacts.

It took only a few bullets fired at Israel's ambassador in London to launch the Lebanon war. The Six Day War was the result of Egyptian brinkmanship being taken too far by Nasser; and the Yom Kippur War engraved the lesson that when assessing Arab intentions and the chances of a conflict, facts on the ground are far more important than logic.

Each of the current developments may be unimportant in itself. But regarded as pieces in a jigsaw puzzle, the picture that emerges is a cause for deep concern.

Assad's brinkmanship is approaching the edge. He will either have to step back or go forward. And his moment of truth is very near.

The writer is Defence Correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

ENGLISH LITERATURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The English literature examination underwent a similar transformation a few years ago. However, after only two years of internal testing, the Ministry of Education reinstated Hebrew literature as an external examination because teachers complained that the internal examination reduced the pupils' motivation and was thus detrimental to the teaching of their subject.

It is a foregone conclusion that a similar fate awaits English literature, since Israeli pupils are not likely to be more highly motivated towards English literature than they were towards Hebrew literature.

Unfortunately, it is too late to reincorporate the literature questions in the English matriculation exam, scheduled for June 27. However, it is to be hoped that the English inspectorate will rethink its policy and decide to reincorporate English literature in next year's external exam.

English literature has been tested as part of the general external English matriculation exam ever since the *bagrut* came into existence. This year, for the first time, the English inspectorate decided to take literature out of the general examination and test it in a separate internal examination. When this plan was made known some time ago, many English teachers expressed their disapproval, as it is well-known that pupil motivation decreases when a subject, which was once tested externally, becomes an internally-tested subject.

Yakov Suslensky
 Sayon.

RIGHTEOUS GENTILES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — During World War II, thousands of Ukrainians, at the risk of their lives, gave help to Jews and saved them from death. The names of these great humanitarians must not be forgotten.

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YAKOV SUSLENSKY

Jerusalem.

WEST BANK TRAGEDY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A multiple tragedy underlies the letter by Muhammad Nasser, head of Hebron's Village League (April 25). He described continuous harassment by West Bank Administrator Shlomo Illyas of his non-PLO peace initiative.

One tragedy is the Likud administration's treatment of a West Bank movement for peace, the Village League leaders, that was initiated and supported by the Likud government. An element of hypocrisy is evident.

A second tragedy is that the Arab world offers no support, rather condemns West Bank leaders like Nasser. This reflects Arab unwillingness to support a West Bank state, that would not threaten Israel's security, at any time during

Jordan's 19 years of control over the area. That Arab policy was a major impetus for current Israeli policy that will lead to eventual permanent Israeli control of West Bank areas (presumably most of it) deemed necessary for Israel's security. It may take five, 10 or 15 years for Israeli population on the West Bank to reach a sufficient percentage to make permanent control feasible. Such is the complexity and time-consuming nature of some solution to Middle East problems.

Illyas's attitude worsens Arab-Israeli relations. But his mistake is minuscule compared with sustained Arab policy that has overwhelmed the efforts of all-too-few sensible Arab leaders like Nasser.

LAWRENCE I. GOULD
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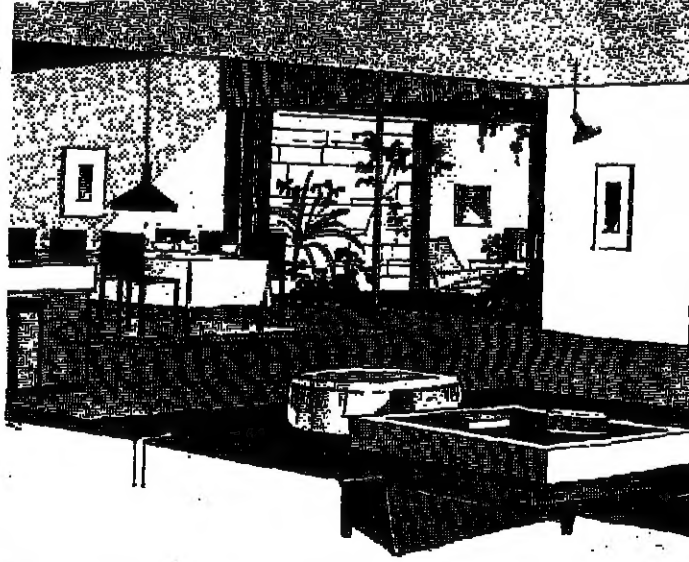
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